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Reign of King Kamehameha IV

Volume 3

of His Majesty's Cabinet Councils

Cabinet Council 22d April 1863, at 10 A.M. in the Palace.

Present. The King. Presiding
Prince Kamehameha.
Hon: E. H. Allen.
Rekumanoa.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of 14th February and those of the Ministerial Conference of 20th March, were read and Approved.

Prince Kamehameha read a Representation from Messrs C. Bales and the Committee of the Board of Managers of the Queens Hospital, that for Reasons therein, a sum of Money is required to pay off a debt of $1290- and $2.000- to clerk on the Hospital, in all its usefulness.

Prince Kamehameha, stated that he had ascertained that $2,000- was all that was asked.

The Prince moved and Mr. Wyllie seconded the following Resolution, after it had been Amended, by Suggestion of the King:-

"Resolved that Whereas the Appropriation made by the last Legislature, has been found insufficient for the support of the "Queens Hospital" and as a debt of three hundred and ninety two dollars has been already contracted

by the Board of Trustees. Therefore the Minister of Finance is hereby authorized to advance out of the Funds in the Treasury, the sum of two thousand dollars, to the Treasurer of the Queens Hospital, on his depositing with the said Minister, a Bond signed by the Board of Trustees, guaranteeing to refund that amount to him, in case the Legislature, at its next Session, do not indemnify him for having made this advance for the support of the Hospital, without appropriation, it being understood that out of the said $2,000, the debt of $1292. is to be immediately paid, and the balance paid in Monthly instalments or otherwise as the Minister of Finance and the Trustees may agree".

The Prince explained the wish of the Post-Master General, to give up the rooms at present occupied by him, at a yearly rent of $500, for the sake of Economy, and to make to the Government Premises formerly occupied by Mr. A. P. Everett.

It was agreed to leave this application to the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The Prince read Mr. Moffitts letter of 20th April, which after some discussion was referred to Chief Justice Allen, for his consideration and Report thereon.

The King being somewhat indisposed, adjourns the Council till tomorrow at 10. A. M. on special business, connected with the Judiciary.

Privy Council of the 23rd April 1863

Place 22nd April 1863.

R. Gibbes
Honorary Secretary of the Kings Cabinet

Palace 23d April 1863.

Cabinet Council at 11. A. M.

Present. The King. presiding
Prince Kamehameha
Governor Kekuanaoa
Hon: Judge Allen
Mr Wyllie

The Minutes of the 22d inst. were read, amended and approved.

Mr. Wyllie read a letter of this date to the King and Cabinet, suggesting that it should be approved and entered on the Minutes, to define clearly the powers to be exercised during Mr Wyllies absence, by Mr Hopkins.

After some discussion, it was considered that Mr. Hopkins would exercise the powers and rights proposed, as a matter of course. Besides, the King stated that Mr. Hopkins for his private interest, had some idea of returning to California.

The King then notified the Cabinet, with reference to the Special object of this Council, as stated by His Majesty yesterday, that, on reflection, He had decided to make no change in the Constitution of the Supreme Court, and that the Election of filling up a Vacancy, which, as fact, does not Exist, is indefinitely postponed.

The Chief Justice and Ministers all bowed in respect to the decision of the Sovereign, without any discussion whatever.

The King then stated that, in his opinion, it was necessary to

fill up the Office of Minister of Finance, for Reasons which She Explained.

The Names of Bishop, Mr. Webster and D. Ward were mentioned, and a discussion ensued, in which it was admitted that all the three, were good and capable men, but that for Family Reasons, in no Sense disagreeing to the other two, Mr Bishop was to be preferred.

Mr Wyllie states his belief, founded on long Knowledge of him that Mr. Hopkins, would make a very good and efficient Minister of Finance, although in so saying he fully concurred in the Judicial opinion of the King and Cabinet, as above expressed.

The King stated that Mr. Hopkins distrusted his own fitness for the Office.

It was finally agreed that the King, only, should overcome the objections of Mr Bishop, and His Majesty, said She would see him.; and Meanwhile adjourns the Cabinet-Council, till after the Privy Council, which She ordered for Tomorrow, at ½ past 9 A. M.

Place 23rd April 1873.

J. C. Wyllie
Honorary Secretary of the
Privy Cabinet

The letter to the King and Cabinet, is herein inserted, altho' not to order-ed, that His Majesty's views of all the Ministerial duties to be performed by Mr. Hopkins may be on record, and remembered.

Foreign Office
23d April 1863.

Having, by authority of His Majesty the King, appointed the Honorable Charles Gordon Hopkins, to perform the duties incumbent upon me, as His Majesty's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Secretary of War, from the day of my departure for Hawaii, till that of my return thereform, and having great confi-dence in the loyalty, honour and ability of Mr. Hopkins, to enable him to exercise those Eminent qualifications with ease to himself and to the greater benefit of His Majesty's Government, I respectfully submit to His Majesty, in Cabinet Council, to permit the said Mr Hopkins, to perform my further duties as Honorary Secretary thereof, and as my Proxy to vote for me on all questions, which His Majesty, in His Wisdom, may lay before His said Privy and Cabinet Councils.

And further, I respect-fully request my Ministerial Col-leagues, to admit the said Mr.

His Majesty the King
and the Members of His Cabinet
in Cabinet Council —

Stopkins in their Ministerial
Conferences, as my substitute,
well knowing as well as I do,
what the views and opinions of
Mr Stopkins upon all questions
of Civil Polity, and more es-
pecially of Commerce and
Finance have ever been sound,
liberal, and enlightened, while
they are ever advanced with that
modesty, that caution and deli-
cate regard to the feelings and
official attributions of others
that ever distinguish the
man of refinement and the
well bred gentleman.

Robt C. Winthrop

1883.

Adjourned Cabinet in the Palace,
on the 24th April, at 12 Noon.

Present. The King presiding
His R. H. Prince Ranchandra
Chief Justice Allen.
Francis McNamara.
Mr. Wylie.

The King again brought up the Appointment of a Minister of Finance, and having ascertained that all the Members concurred in His Majesty's opinion in favour of Mr. Bishop, was pleased to adjourn the Cabinet till after He had conferred with Mr Bishop, which since yesterday He had had no time to do.

Therefore the Cabinet stood adjourned till the Kings further pleasure.

R. C. Wylie
Attorney Secretary of the
Kings Cabinet.

Palace 24th April
1883.

Palace 21. May 1863.

Cabinet Council at 11. A. M.

Present. The King: Presiding.
Prince Kamehamcha.
Gaana Kekuanaoa.
Hon: Judge Allen
Mr. Hopkins.

Prince Kamehamcha read an application from His Lordship the Bishop of Honolulu, asking permission to cut 30,000 Coral Stones for the foundation of a Church; the Plant being requested in the name of the Synod of the Hawaiian Reformed Catholic Church.

Adjourned till Tuesday next at 10 o'clock A. M.

Palace 26th May 1883.

Cabinet Council, at ½ past 11. A. M.

Present, The King, Presiding
Prince Kamehameha
Gov. McKinney
Hon: Judge Allen
Mr Hopkins.

Mr Allen reported a Resolution in regard to the payment of the Circuit Judges of Oahu.

"Whereas the Legislative Council at its last Session made an Appropriation of Twelve Hundred Dollars, for the biennial period, for the Salary of one Circuit Judge for Oahu, and

Whereas, there are two Judges in Commission, who have been in the discharge of the duties thereof since the date of said bill

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Minister of Finance be and is hereby authorized to pay to each of said Judges an equal proportion of said Appropriation, according to the time of service rendered, or which may hereafter be rendered."

The Report was adopted and the Resolution passed.

The application of the Bishop of Honolulu & Permission to Cut Coral Stone was again taken up and further considered.

After a long discussion the subject was again adjourned.

The subject of complying with the application of the U. S. Commissioner for an Excavation to be made by Thomas Spencer of Milo was postponed for further consideration.

The Meeting adjourned.

Cabinet Council
held at Haimorino
13th August 1863.

Present: His Majesty, Presiding
H. R. H. Prince Kamehameha
His Excy. the Chief Justice
Wm. C. G. Hopkins.

Prince Kamehameha introduced a communication from Consul of the United States of Honolulu, on the subject of admitting goods at their value of Gold and not at the depreciated value of paper in the currency of the United States at which the goods may have been bought.

It was resolved to abide by the views taken by the Minister of Finance in his previous Correspondence as regard to the Circular of the 10th April.

The Meeting adjourned.

Cabinet Council.
4th September 1883.

His Majesty Presiding.
H.R.H. Prince Ramchamcha
His Ex: The Governor
Hon: E. H. Allen.
C. L. Hopkins.
W. Green in attendance.

Prince Ramchamcha introduced W. Green's application of 6th May 1883, in regard to the Hawaiian Steam Navigation Company.

After a long discussion it was Resolved as follows.

Resolved that the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Wm. L. Green Agent of the H. S. N. Co. to be applied to the payment of debt due Hamon Green & Co. for the Government proportion of advances made for the Expenses of the Steamer Kilauea up to the 1st September 1883, being $2719.83, and for the amount advanced for insurance of the Government interest in the said boat, being $1.927.80, in all $4647.63.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Cabinet Council
Government House.
5th September 1863.

His Majesty Presiding
Hon. H. Prince Kamehameha.
Hon. E. H. Allen.
C. G. Hopkins.

The Petition of Wm. L. Green was further considered.

Resolved - That the King's Government decline to take any interest in the Steamer "Annie Laurie"

That the Government do not at present take any interest in the Schooner "Emma Rooke" and "Nettie Merrill", but that if secure if Messrs. Damon Green & Co. are willing to give such a right, the privilege of buying an interest in those Vessels should the present Steam Navigation Company be merged into a New Company under the Charter of July 25th 1862;

That the Government decline to take from Messrs. Damon Green & Co. the additional $10.000 of Stock offered by them;

That Wm. Green be allowed to run his Steamer the "Annie Laurie" so long as her trips do not interfere with those of any Steamer belonging to the Company, or until this permission to the

part of the Government to withdraw.

That the Minister of the Interior is authorized on the part of the Government to make arrangements with Mr. Green for procuring a new boiler for the Kilauea with a view to disposing of her in China or Elsewhere.

That, should the result of the inspection now being held on the boiler of the Kilauea, lead to a report that it is capable of being repaired so as to enable the boat to run pending the arrival of a new boiler, such repairs shall be made and the boat run between Honolulu and Kona Hawaii: "That should Messrs. Janion Green & Co. after being informed of the views embodied in these Resolutions be willing to enter into a new Company under the Charter of July 25th, with the understanding that a boat better adapted to the wants of our inter-island commerce be procured as soon as possible, the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized for the part of the Government to transfer to such new Company the Government interest in the Company now in Existence.

A true Copy of Resolutions passed by the Privy Council this 4th day of September 1863.

Cabinet Council.

Nuuanu Valley
Oct. 21. 1853.

His Majesty the King Presiding
H. R. H. Prince Kamehameha.
His Honor Judge Allen
Mr. C. G. Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins introduced the draft of a despatch in reply to Mr McPride No 3 of Sept 10th, the concluding paragraph in regard to the case of the "Helen Mar" being left to be filled in after the Council had further considered that matter.

After considerable discussion the following Resolution was adopted.

The Minister of Finance is hereby instructed to direct the Collector General of Customs, that in all applications for the entry of goods, the invoice of which bear date at the place of shipment, on or after the 16th of April last, unaccompanied by the proper Consular Certificates, showing the purchase of the goods by a depreciated currency, he may give as reasonable time as to the importer to procure the proper Consular Certificate.

Prince Kamehameha introduced the subject of the repairs necessary on the boiler of the Kilauea, and the reports of Mr J. Hughes and Captain Brown.

Resolved that the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to cause the boiler of the Kilauea to be put into temporary repair in order to put her in a condition to resume her trips to Hawaii.

The Meeting then adjourned

1863

Privy Meeting of the Cabinet, held at the Palace of Her Majesty King Kamehameha V. on Thursday the 3d of December 1863, at 4 P.M.

Present The King presiding
" The Chancellor
" Her Majesty's Minister of Finance
" Her Majesty's Minister of Foreign Affairs

Her Majesty the King, Her Majesty's Privy Council of Government met pursuant to Royal Summons from His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Her Majesty's Minister of Finance, Her Majesty's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Her Majesty's Attorney General, Her Majesty's Minister of the Interior.

Her Majesty submitted the subject of a new Royal Sepulchre & Her Majesty intimated the decease of Queen Emma. Whereupon the following Resolutions were passed.

Resolved - That the Cabinet recommend to the Privy Council to approve of the outlay, through the Royal Chamberlain of the expenses necessary for the funeral of His Majesty Kamehameha IV, unfortunately for his nation, deceased, with the understanding of a Bill for indemnification, being by the authority of the King, recommended to the House of Representatives at its next meeting, and furthermore that the Cabinet recommend the Privy Council to supply Coral stones for a Mausoleum to be prepared for the remains of this late Majesty, and authorize the employment of such a number of prisoners as may be required to put in order the lot appropriated for the Royal Cemetery.

Resolved - That the Privy Council approve of the recommendation of the Cabinet for the erection of a Mausoleum - & approve of the recommendation to furnish the necessary Coral and labour for that purpose, & they will approve of any further expenditure that the Ministers of Finance & Chamberlain may deem necessary to carry out that object, not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Resolved. That the Privy Council hereby approve of the action of His Majesty's Cabinet-Council, in authorizing the Minister of Finance, under the painful & Extraordinary emergency caused by the death of His Majesty Ramchamcha IV. to expend for the Funeral obsequies out of any Monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars, to be expended by the Minister of Finance and the Chamberlain of the Royal Household conjointly, and that no part of the before mentioned sum be paid out without a proper Warrant for the same being deposited in the office of the Treasury.

The Clerk of Council was instructed to forward copies of the above Resolution to the Privy Council, to Attorney or Solicitor General in Trust Houses - also to Bankers.

It was agreed that the Minister of Finance, apply to the next Legislature for a Bill of indemnity, for all the extraordinary expenses occasioned by that Funeral, the confirming & declaring invalid of the same, with all proper Vouchers, and explanations

The King made known his pleasure that the Ministers, should act as Ministers of the Interior, provisionally, till his further pleasure. This was approved by the Privy Council.

The King then adjourned this Cabinet till his further pleasure

Palace 3d December 1863

R. C. Wyllie
Honorary Secretary

Memorandum

Palace 4 December 1863
The King Present
The Ministers, and afterwards
the Chancellor, the Attorney General
Privy Conference on the Con-
stitution of a new Cabinet.
The Ministers commanded to
see the Hon. Mr Robertson
and Mr de Vinegoni in the
name of the King.

R. C. Wyld
Hon Secy

Palace 5 December 1863.
Second Conference on the Subject
The King pleased stating to retain
the Attorney, Chancellor, as before -
to appoint C. C Harris Attorney General
& Member of the Cabinet -
Hon. Mr Robertson Minister of the Interior
C. by Clapham Minister of Finance, to
be succeeded by Mr de Vinegoni,
when the Legislature meet
The Mysore Minister & Foreign Affairs
& Secretary at War & of the Army

R. C. Davis to be placed on the Books

Palace 5th December 1863

R. C. Wyld
Honorary Secretary

Cabinet Council in the Palace
18th December 1853.

Present. The King, presiding
" Mr Allen
" " Robertson
" " Hopkins
" " Harris
" " Varigny
" " Wyllie.

The King, stated that M. Varigny had some views about the announcement of the new appointments, which He requested him to explain.

Mr Varigny presents two alternatives,

1st to announce the appointment of Mr Hopkins to his new office and Himself as Minister of Finance at once &c,

2d. to announce Varigny as Honorary Member of the Cabinet, and announcing his own appointment as Minister of Finance,

Hopkins prefers the latter alternative - Harris prefers the former. Robertson ditto -

After some discussion, Mr Harris drew up a statement of the new Cabinet to appear in the Polynesian tomorrow.

Mr Wyllis prepared a list placing the appointments in the Alphabetical order of their names, which he read, but Robertson preferred the order as drawn up by Mr Harris, which accordingly was adopted.

M. de Varigny presents a note to the King begging His Majesty to allow Hopkins to remain at the

head of the Department of Finance 21
till the end of the Fiscal Year.

To this His Majesty graciously consented.

Mr Wyllie expresses his belief that no man can more promote the prosperity of the Kingdom in all its Material interests than Mr Wetherbee, provided he was placed in a position such as to give full scope to his talents.

The Question of the Elections to the ensuing Legislature was discussed, in which Mr Harris and Mr Robertson gave the Cabinet the benefit of their experience. The following names were thought worthy of, as Members to be recommended.

Rhodes.
S. L. M. Smith
Kamakie
Kahalewai
} Honolulu

Ewa and Waianae

Waialua

Koolauloa

Moffit to select a suppt Makalena

Koolaupoko & Kau
C. C. Harris

Hawaii

Hilo

Hilo
Kipi.
Hr Kaapa

Wailuku & Lahaina, Collectorships open indefinitely. Espd by S. E. Allen & P. C. Wyllie, & Mr. Robertson. C. de Varigny

Puna
Kalanihale. Superintendant of Schools

Kau
C. C. Harris

North Kona
Sheldon.

South Kona - Sheldon to nominate

Kohala
Hamakua. Parke & Kenway to recommend.

Maui.

Lahaina - Kawaihi
Kaihaio

Kanapele
Kahaku

Wailuku
Hancock or Kamakau

Makawao
Mr Humphries

Hana
Kahanui

Molokai
Jones.

Kauai.

Hanalei
Whitney* or Mnamu

Waimea. Knudsen.

Koloa. Kalama.

* Mr Wyllie was urged to use all his influence with his Employees and Tenants in the District of Hanalei, in favour of Mr Whitney. He engaged

to write to his Manager Mr. Mc Greger, immediately and to do full Justice to the good qualities of Mr Mclatin.

The King adjourns the Council till his further pleasure

R. C. Wyllie
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet

16th
December 1863.

1863.

Cabinet Council in the Palace 21st December 1863. at 10. A. M.

Present. The King presiding
Robertson
Vaisey

Mr. Robertson points out 2 persons who has been omitted in the list of Pardons &c - viz. G. B Richardson and Ragsdale

Mr Wyllie supports the declaration of Ragsdale.

The King made known new appointments, which he intended to make in his Privy Council

A discussion took place upon the policy of the admission of the Bishop and Clergymen to the P. Council of State.

Mr Wyllie was for their admission - Robertson. Hopkins.

Vasigny, Harris, & Allen against it. His King stated his reasons for proposing their admission.

Mr Wyllie proposed to adjourn the Cabinet and hold a King Council which was done.

R. C. Wyllie
Honorary Secretary
to the Cabinet.

Palace
21. December 1863.

1863.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday 22d December 10. A. M.
Present.
His Majesty the King, presiding
Messrs E. H Allen
R. C. Wyllie
J. M. Robertson
C. J. Hopkins
W. L. Harris
C. de Vasigny

On the proposition of His Majesty it was agreed that the youngest member of the Cabinet should take charge of the records of the Cabinet Council.

Mr C J Hopkins introduced the subject of the vacancy about to occur in the Collectorgeneralship of Customs, and proposed the name of Mr W. F. Allen, whose name he had already proposed in King Council, where the appointment is to be made, and asked if it would meet with the approbation of His Majesty and the Cabinet. Should Mr W. F Allen not be approved of, Mr Hopkins said he would propose another name, but not that of Mr Wm Webster.

The Cabinet agreed that the nomination

of Mr W. F. Allen should be proposed to His Majesty in the Privy Council.

Mr R. C. Wyllie suggested that a Board of Commerce, Agriculture and Public improvements should be reorganized and presided over by Mr Wm Webster.

Mr G. M. Robertson asked His Majesty to fill up, if convenient, the vacancies in the Board of Health.

It pleased His Majesty the King to reorganize the Board as follows:

Members: The Minister of the Interior
Wm Hillebrand Esq. M.D.
H. Stangenwald Esq. M.D.
J. C. Heuck Esq.
A. M. Kahakewai Esq.

His Majesty adjourned the Cabinet Council at twelve-noon.

C de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
at the Cabinet

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.
Thursday 24th December 1863 at 10. A. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King, Presiding.
M. M. L. H. Allen
R. C. Wyllie
G. M. Robertson
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The question of the Ministerial Reports and of the mode of making the same was brought up by His Majesty.

Mr G. M. Robertson advocated the view of following the plan formerly adopted, that is for each Minister to make a separate report.

Mr de Varigny represented that the 54th

article of the Constitution did not impose upon the Ministers anything beyond a mere statistical exhibit of the business and transactions of their Departments; that such a separate report could be drawn up separately and the views of the Cabinet embraced in a general and joint report

Mr R. E. Wylie was of opinion that it would be better to conform to the precedents and for each Minister to present a separate report.

Mr J. H Allen advocated the same opinion but expressed a wish that the reports should be made shorter than formerly and should be translated.

Mr C. C. Harris recommended that all measures of importance should be submitted to the Houses in the shape of a bill.

Mr G. Mc. Robertson suggested that it would be a great saving of time if both Houses could sit together.

Mr R. E. Wylie stated that such was the practice in Scotland and explained that the laws and bills submitted to the Scotch Parliament were drawn up by the Lords of Articles, appointed by the Crown.

Both Messrs R. E. Wylie and G Mc. Robertson advocated the personal and collective responsibility of the Ministers.

The following resolution was proposed and agreed upon.

Resolved. that in conformity to the 54th article of the Constitution, the Ministers shall, in their reports to the legislature, limit themselves as strictly as possible to the terms used in the aforesaid article, to wit: to the transactions and business of their Departments; the construction to be put on said words having been agreed upon by the Cabinet Council.

His Majesty mentioned next the question of the elections, upon which Mr C. C. Harris gave some information

In reference to the appointment of new Governors, Mr. G. Mc. Robertson observed that according to the 56th article of the Constitution the Governors hold office for the term of 4 years, and that, in his opinion, these offices did not become vacant by the demise of the Sovereign.

The subject of immigration, in reference to the depopulation of the Islands and the consequent want of laborers was taken up.

Mr. G. Mc. Robertson was of opinion that the Planter's Association started with so much spirit by Mr. Wyllie could be made very useful. He advocated the importation of females along with the males, but said he should prefer to leave the ways and means to private enterprise.

Mr. R. C. Wyllie explained what steps had formerly been taken in reference to this question and mentioned that the attempts made in Peru had failed.

Mr. C. C. Harris observed that the case was different and that Polynesian immigrants might be willing to work here if brought over with their own consent, placed in contact with a congenere race and assured that their welfare should be protected by the Government.

Mr. De Varigny suggested that if the Government intended, as he ought to, to reserve to itself a sort of right of control over the immigrants, it would be well for the Government to lend a helping hand to the efforts of private individuals.

Mr. G. Mc. Robertson was of opinion to have a special Bureau appointed by His Majesty to collect all possible information on this important question of immigration.

It pleased His Majesty the King to decide that the Minister of the Interior should collect information upon that question and lay before His Majesty in His Cabinet Council the result of his investigations.

Mr. C. C. Harris with His Majesty's permission brought before the Council the

question of the Government's and Crown's lands. After some conversation upon that subject, and on mention made by Mr Wyllie that some resolution, in reference to these lands, had passed the Privy Council in 1850-1851. it was proposed and agreed "that the records of the Privy Council should be produced and examined by the Attorney General who should present a written opinion, previously to any legal steps being taken.

His Majesty adjourned the Cabinet Council at half past one. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet

1863

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.
Monday, December 28 1863 11. A. M.
Present
His Majesty the King, presiding
Mr. Mr. R. H Allen
R. C. Wyllie
J. Mc. Robertson
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny

With his Majesty's permission Mr R. C. Wyllie called the attention of the Cabinet upon a letter purporting to have been written from the Sandwich Islands, under date of 27. of last August, to the Editor of the New York Herald and published in that newspaper of the 19 of October. Mr Wyllie gave lecture of this letter referring to the discussion between the U. S. Minister and the Hawaiian Government on the subject of the import duties on goods discharged from "Helen Mear" and "Arctic", and stating that the U. S. Minister had applied

for an American man of war to come to Honolulu.

After discussion the Cabinet came to the conclusion that, although in ordinary circumstances it would be his opinion to take no official notice of letters published in the newspapers, still, in the present case and after having considered the official letters exchanged on the 24. of November last between the Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs and the U. S. Minister, it was necessary to ascertain whether or not Mr. Mc Bride had gone so far as to request the presence of a man of war.

The opinions were only divided upon the mode to be adopted Mr. Mc. Wyllie and Harris were of opinion that an official letter should be written to Mr. Mc Bride on the subject; Mr. Mc. C. de Varigny, J. Mc. Robertson, C. J. Hopkins and S. G. Allen suggested a private and personal interview between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Mc Bride.

After discussion it was proposed by His Majesty and agreed: that Mr. R. C. Wyllie should ascertain the fact of Mr. Mc Bride having, or not, sent for a man of war, in reference to the difficulty mentioned in the N. Y. Herald, by means of a private interview, and that Mr. R. C. Wyllie should ask that question to the U. S. Minister in the name of His Majesty and His Cabinet.

The Cabinet Council was adjourned at 1. P. Mc.

C. de Varigny
Temporary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1863.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday 29th December at 10. A. M.
Present:
His Majesty the King - Presiding
Mr. Mr. E. H. Allen
R. C. Wyllie
G. M. Robertson
C. G. Hopkins
C C Harris
C. de Varigny.

Mr R. C. Wyllie gave an account of the interview he had yesterday afternoon with the U. S. Minister in which Mr Mr Bride had stated: that the idea of applying for a man of war in relation to the question of import duties had never crossed his mind, and that he had asked for the presence of a national vessel on account of rumors of confederate vessels appearing in these seas. Mr Wyllie read besides a letter from Mr Mr Bride received by him this very morning and in which the U. S. Minister denies most emphatically all Knowledge or participation in, the letter published in the New York Herald of October 19th.

Mr C. G. Hopkins considered the letter as satisfactory in all respects save one, in so far that the U. S Minister was still under and impression that the main question of the import duties was not yet settled.

After discussion on this point it pleased His Majesty the King to make the following suggestion: that the Minister of foreign affairs should write to the U. S. Minister to ascertain from him if he considered the discussion as closed here, (such being the view of the Hawaiian Government), and whether or not he had refered the case to his own government.

The Minister of foreign affairs was requested to act accordingly.

His Majesty stated that it was His wish to have the government measures discussed in Cabinet.

and, after agreement, that they should be prepared and translated for the action of the Legislature thereon.

In reference to the Rum question His Majesty stated that he was in favor of distilleries being allowed, under proper regulations.

Mr. C. C. Harris supported the same view and was of opinion to allow the establishment of one distillery in Honolulu, by granting a license and placing this establishment under the control of the Government.

Mr. S. N. Allen was of the same opinion and advocated one distillery in Honolulu, by way of experiment.

Mr. R. C. Wyllie stated that he was in favor of removing all restrictions upon all manufactures, considering this policy as the best calculated to develop the resources of the country; he objected strongly to concentrating distillation in Honolulu and argued that if the thing was to be allowed at all it ought to be allowed to any party willing to give the proper bond and to pay for the license.

Mr. G. Mc. Robertson, in answer to a question from Mr. C. G. Hopkins represented that it was still doubtful if the planters themselves wished for such a privilege; thought that several entertained fears of intemperance among their own workmen if the process of distillation was to be carried on on their estates, and concluded in favor of one single distillery in Honolulu, adding that, in his opinion, it would be better to let the question be raised at the next Legislature by some member and not by the Government.

Mr. C. G. Hopkins stated that if each plantation was allowed to distill, the whole would, from the necessity of Governmental supervision, fast resolve itself into a general excise system, and that the expense to be incurred by each plantation for private distilleries would, in the aggregate, far exceed that of one establishment in Honolulu; that, besides, one distillery in Honolulu would place all the planters upon a perfect footing of equality.

Mr. C. de Varigny agreed to the views expressed

by Mr Hopkins.

It pleased His Majesty the King to appoint a Cabinet Council for Thursday next; the subject for discussion being the Government Press.

Adjourned at half past one. P. M.

C. C. Harris
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet

1863

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Thursday 31st December at 10. A. M.

Present

His Majesty the King - Presiding
Hon. R. H. Allen
R. C. Wyllie
J. M. Robertson
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny

Mr R. C. Wyllie read his letter to Mr Mc Bride and the reply of the U. S. Minister under date of the 30th instant, in which Mr Mc Bride stated that he did not consider the discussion upon the import duties as closed until he had received from Mr R. C. Wyllie the official decision he had requested from him personally, and adding that the case had not been referred to the U. S. Government.

Mr Hopkins considered the reply of the U. S. Minister as insulting for him, who had, at the time, and being then Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, replied fully to Mr Mc Bride and stated plainly what the decision of the Hawaiian government was, was of opinion that the Cabinet ought not to allow the U. S. Minister to treat in so unbecoming a manner a decision seriously given and emanating from the Cabinet itself.

His Majesty stated that, in His opinion, the discussion was closed on the part of the government

since the reply of Mr. Hopkins and that He could not understand what Mr. McBride meant by his unconstitutional reference to Mr. Wyllie personally

Mr. E. H. de Varigny suggested that the discussion being closed on the part of this Government and Mr. McBride having stated in a previous dispatch that it was closed too on his part, the Minister of Foreign Affairs should reply to Mr. McBride referring him to Mr. Hopkins' dispatch and advising him, if he so choosed, to refer the whole case to his own Government.

Mr. Mr. L. H. Allen and G. M. Robertson were of opinion that Mr. Wyllie should prepare a dispatch to Mr. McBride and communicate it to His Majesty in Cabinet.

It was agreed that Mr. Wyllie should prepare a dispatch to the U. S. Minister, according to the views expressed in Cabinet Council and should communicate it to His Majesty in Cabinet Council.

Adjourned at 11. A. M.

E. H. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.
Tuesday January 5. 1864. at 10. A. M.
Present:
His Majesty the King - Presiding.
Mr. Mr. Mr. Kekuanaoa
R. C. Wyllie
G. M. Robertson
C. C. Harris
E. H. de Varigny

Mr. C. C. Harris made some remarks upon the election held yesterday in the district of Koolaupoko, and while acknowledging the right of Government employees voting as they choosed, strongly remonstrated against their using the

influence they desired from the Government against the Government's nominees.

The Governor was of the same opinion and stated that it was his intention to dismiss immediately such of the Government employees who had so acted and who could be so dealt with. In reference to the District Judge of the aforesaid District it was decided that his commission should not be renewed at the expiration of his term of office

It pleased His Majesty to order the business of the day to be taken up.

Mr J. Mr. Robertson entered into the details of the former organization of the Public Press and the successive changes introduced in the administration of the same. Stated that Mr Fornander had applied to be released from his contract with the Government and produced two estimates of the cost of publishing a Government gazette. Mr Robertson concluded in proposing the weekly publication of a Royal Hawaiian Gazette, half the size of the present Polynesian and edited in English and native, the said gazette to contain all legal advertisements, official notices, ministerial reports &c

After some conversation on the subject, it pleased His Majesty to propose that the Minister of the Interior should draw up a resolution embodying his views and those of the Cabinet on the subject, and should submit the same to His Majesty, in Cabinet Council

Mr J. Mr. Robertson applied for leave to sell two pieces of land (Royal patents 1258 & 1499) formerly belonging to Kaohele, adding that said Kaohele having died intestate and without leaving heirs these lands reverted to the Hawaiian Government.

The Minister of the Interior was authorized so to do

Adjourned at half past twelve

C de Varigny

Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Monday 11th January at 10. A. M.
Present.

His Majesty the King - Presiding
M. M. R. C. Wyllie
J. M. Robertson
C. J. Hopkins
C. C Harris
C. De Varigny.

Mr J M. Robertson read three communications dated 7th 8th & 10th instant from Mr W. L. Green, in relation to the repairs to be made to the steamer "Kilauea"

It appeared that, out of the appropriation of $60.000 made by the act of the 2d of May 1856 a sum of $44.847. had already been expended and that a sum of about $6.000 was necessary to pay for the share of the government in the contemplated repairs.

M. M. Wyllie & Harris considered that the "Kilauea" having so far proved to be a bad investment, steps ought to be taken either to sell the Government's shares in her or to buy out Messrs Janion Green & Co's interest in the same and dispose of the boat as best could be done.

M. M. Robertson and C. de Varigny advocated different views and were in favor of keeping the steamer as benefitting the mercantile and traveling community

After discussion the following Resolution was presented by the Minister of the Interior

Resolved. that the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to pay any sums that may be necessary in proportion to the Government's share on account of the new boiler and repairs for the steamer "Kilauea" out of the funds heretofore applied to the support of the steamer.

Mr M. C. Wyllie proposed in addition the following resolution.

Resolved. that the Minister of the Interior

be further instructed to ascertain from Messrs. Janion, Green & Co. at what rate they would be willing to buy the Government's shares in the steamer.

These resolutions was seconded by Mr. C. C. Harris and passed.

It pleased His Majesty the King to order the question of the Government's Press to be taken up.

Mr. J. Mc. Robertson submitted the following resolutions:

(1)

Be it resolved. that the Minister of the Interior is authorized to cancel, from and after the 31st instant, the lease of the Government Printing office and press, granted to Mr. A. Fornander on the 31st Day of October 1861.; also that said Minister be authorized to release Mr. Fornander from his present contract to execute the Government printing upon his transferring to the Government the Stock of paper and other material, now on hand at the printing office, valued at $120. and to debit him in account with the balance due by him to the Government.

(2)

Resolved: That on the first Saturday of February next, and on every succeeding Saturdays, there shall be issued from the Government Press, under the control of the Minister of the Interior, a newspaper, of one half the size of the "Polynesian" to be called the "Royal Hawaiian Gazette" and to be published in the English and Hawaiian languages; that no private advertisements, other than standing business cards, special notices and such notifications as are usually published in a Government Gazette shall be admitted into such newspaper.

(3)

Resolved: That the following gentlemen, viz: Mr. de Varigny, Mr. Harris, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Kalakaua, Mr. Kahalewai and Mr. J. S. Low are specially designated, as a commission to assist in editing and conducting the Gazette; and the Minister of the

Interior is authorized to apply such portion of the monies received from subscribers, as may be required to secure any further editorial aid that may be found to be necessary.

(4.)

Resolved: that the subscription price of the Gazette shall be $3. per annum, payable in advance, at the Home office, where the subscription book shall be kept; that no copies of the Gazette shall be furnished gratis, except to His Majesty the King and the Department of Foreign Affairs, and other Departments of the Government shall pay for the same out of the monies allowed them for incidental expenses. All officers of the Government are expected to become subscribers to the Gazette, with a view to secure its support

(5.)

The Minister of the Interior is authorized to apply the funds appropriated by the Legislature for the Government Printing to defray the expenses of publishing the Gazette, and the execution of such other printing as the several Departments may require.

(6)

The Minister of the Interior is authorized to arrange with those parties who have paid in subscriptions for the Polynesian newspaper.

The above Resolutions were seconded by Mr. Wyllie and passed.

Mr. C. G. Hopkins read a letter from the Directors of the Hawaii Sugar Company applying to the Government for a loan of $12.000 out of the Treasury funds and for a period of six months.

Mr. C. de Varigny stated that he should consider the granting of such a request as dangerous and likely to be injurious to the Government and to the parties themselves and expressed the following views:

1st That the Government ought not to adopt

such financial steps as might bring him in conflict with private interests and expose him to be accused of lending money to some company or companies while refusing to do so to others, thus placing them on a footing of unequality.

2° That it was the duty of the Government to relieve, as much as lay in his power, the occasional stringency of the money market, but that the most legitimate way of so doing should be: by refusing to sell exchequer bills and so driving back money in the channel of trade and commerce; by redeeming certificates of Government indebtedness and so returning to the money market such funds as might be spared from the Treasury.

Mr. J. Mc. Robertson approved of the views expressed by Mr. E. D. Parigny and stated that the application above referred to had been withdrawn.

After some conversation on the question whether goods in bond and destroyed there ought or not to acquit Customs House duties or only the storage dues which view appeared more equitable to the Cabinet, the Council was adjourned at half past twelve.

E. D. Parigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1862.

Cabinet Council at Tolini Palace.
Thursday, January 14. at 10. A. M.
Present:
His Majesty the King - Presiding
Mr. Mc. E. H. Allen
R. E. Wylie
J. Mc Robertson
E. E. Harris
E. de Parigny

Mr. J Mc. Robertson read the answer from Messrs. Janion, Green & Co. to the enquiry

made by him, according to the Resolution passed at the previous Cabinet Council, at what rate they would be willing to purchase the Government's interest in the steamer "Kilauea". In view of the heavy outlay required to repair her, Messrs Janion Green & Co declined to make an offer.

Mr G. & Mr Robertson stated that the physicians of the Board of Health having suggested the propriety of setting apart a lot for the deposit of rubbish from the city, he moved the following resolution.

Resolved: that the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to set apart the ancient loko known as Loki, as a place of common deposit for rubbish from the City.

The resolution was seconded by Mr de Varigny and passed.

Adjourned at 1/4 past eleven

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1864

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Monday January 18. at 10. A.M.
Present:

His Majesty the King — Presiding.
Mr. Mr. Mr. Ketuanaoa
C. H. Allen
R. C. Wyllie
J. Mr. Robertson
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The question of the correspondence between the Hawaiian Government and the U S Minister was taken up. The minutes of the previous Cabinet Councils referring to that question were read, as well as the previous communications exchanged on the subject of the circular of 18 of April last between

the U. S. Minister and Messrs. Hopkins and Wyllie, and the Draft of Mr Wyllie's dispatch to Mr Mc Bride.

Messrs. Allen, Robertson and Harris stated that on the question of reference to the Courts of the country the dispatch required some amendments.

Mr Harris and Mr Hopkins were of opinion that the Government ought not to recede from the position assumed by the Circular aforesaid and the dispatch written by Mr Hopkins as Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs; they expressed themselves as opposed to the offer made, in the Draft as communicated, to Mr Mc Bride, to withdraw mutually the letters exchanged on the subject.

Mr C. de Varigny supported the same views and proposed that the draft of the dispatch, after amendments as suggested, should be read by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the U. S. Minister; that a copy of it should be, on the request of Mr Mc Bride left with him, and that the Minister of Foreign Affairs should, on so doing, state to the U. S. Minister that the discussion was closed on the part of the Hawaiian Government as he had stated it was on his own.

Mr L. H. Allen suggested that before delivering the dispatch to Mr Mc Bride Mr Wyllie should have with him and amicable conversation.

On the suggestion of His Majesty the King it was resolved: 1st That Mr Wyllie should see Mr Mc Bride and that, after report by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of his interview with Mr Mc Bride the subject of the dispatch in reply to the U. S. Minister should be considered = 2d That the dispatch be referred for amendments to Messrs Robertson and Harris.

Adjourned at half past two.

C. de Varigny

Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.

Tuesday 19th January at 10. A.M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - Presiding

Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie

J. Mr. Robertson

C. J. Hopkins

A de Varigny.

Mr J. Mr. Robertson communicated a letter from Messrs Sinclair offering $6.000. for the Government lands on Niihau, and produced some estimates of the value of said lands of an area of about 60.000. acres. These estimates were as follows:

Mr Wideman's	$ 10.000.
Dr Smith's	7.500.
Mr Borrell's	7.000.
Mr Knudsen's	6.000.

His Majesty, as well as Messrs. Hopkins and de Varigny was of opinion that it would be better policy to lease the aforesaid lands than to sell them.

Mr Hopkins thought that Mr Wideman's estimate was nearest to the true value and considered the isolated position of the Island as an advantage for a sheep farm.

Mr Wyllie said he had some doubts as to the success of a sheep farm on Niihau, and, in view of the advantages to be derived from the settlement of wealthy and respectable parties, was in favor of offering the land for sale at $6.000. or, for lease at $750. a year.

Mr de Varigny was of opinion to keep up the purchase price at $10.000. and to ask for the lease $750. or even less, a year.

Mr J. M. Robertson proposed the following Resolution:

Resolved -

That the Minister of the Interior be authorized to sell the Government's lands on

the Island of Niihau to the Messrs Sinclair for the sum of $10.000. or to lease the same for a term of 50. years at the annual rent of $750. or even $650.

This resolution was passed.

Mr. R. C. Wyllie gave an account of his interview with the U. S. Minister, the result of which was that Mr. McBride considered it his duty to refer the pending controversy to his government, but did not intend to do so before receiving Mr. Wyllie's reply to his dispatch, so as to be enabled to place the whole case before his government in a fair and complete form.

Adjourned at half past twelve.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.
Friday, January 22d at 10. A. M.
Present:

His Majesty the King: presiding.
Mr. R. C. Wyllie
G. M. Robertson
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

Mr. C. J. Hopkins informed the Cabinet that he had received a communication from Mr. T. C. Heuck, to the effect that part of the Royal Mausoleum should be achieved on Monday evening next.

Mr. G. M. Robertson stated that he had received a new proposal from Mr. Whitney in relation to the Government printing. Mr. Whitney proposes that both the Polynesian and the Commercial Advertiser should be discontinued, offers to publish a Royal Hawaiian Gazette under the control of an Editor appointed

C. de Varigny

of by the Government and paid by Mr. Whitney and to undertake the Government printing for the next five years for £ 3.800. a year; the Kuokoa newspaper to become the exponent of Governmental views and Mr. Whitney to be reappointed Post Master General.

Mr. Robertson declared himself strongly in favor of this plan on the ground of policy and economy and stated that far from interfering with each other the duties of the two offices had great analogy.

Mr. R. C. Wyllie supported the same views on the ground of economy and at the advantage of suppressing an opposition press; considered the transaction as perfectly fair, since far from buying up, out of public monies, an opposition newspaper, the Government should actually save money by accepting the proposal of Mr. Whitney.

Mr. C. G. Hopkins stated that he disagreed entirely with Messrs. Robertson and Wyllie; considered an opposition newspaper as useful and necessary. As to the propriety of appointing Mr. Whitney Post Master G.l, Mr. Hopkins entertained great doubts about it, considering that, in former times, Mr. Whitney had resigned this very office for the purpose of starting an opposition newspaper, and that now it would not be becoming to pass over the claims of more deserving candidates for the purpose of putting a stop to Mr. Whitney's attacks. Mr. Hopkins remarked besides that the appointment of a Post Master G.l rested with His Majesty and that no intimation had been given by Him as to filling up this office which was not vacant.

Mr. C. C. Harris agreed with Mr. Hopkins as to the advantages of an opposition press but remarked that the plan proposed was one economically advantageous to the Government; that Mr. Whitney had formerly conducted

the Post Office with great ability and that although it was true the appointment rested with His Majesty, still it was the duty of the Ministers to advise His Majesty according to their conscience and to the best of their ability.

Mr. De Varigny was of opinion that what. ever advantages might be derived from and opposition press it could not be the duty of a Government to force people to carry on an opposition newspaper; that Mr. Whitney having proved himself the most competent man to manage a newspaper as well as a good postmaster Genl, he considered it wise for the Government to secure, whenever it could properly be done, the services of competent men; that, by closing with Mr. Whitney's proposal the Government printing should be well and efficiently done for a less sum than had been spent up to this day.

Mr. Harris closed the discussion by calling the attention upon this fact that the proposed plan, although more economical than any yet proposed, would give to the Government debts to the 750. subscribers of the Britain and the 2.500. of the Kuokoa.

It pleased His Majesty to express his wish to consider the question at leisure.

Mr. Robertson submitted the following Resolution:

Resolved: that the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to reduce the rent of the land leased to Peter Larkins on the 21st Xber 1860. from $200. to $150. per annum. - Approved -

Mr. Hopkins mentioned that, in regard to the late King's funeral, liabilities had been incurred by Mr. Dominis and himself, as a committee of expenses, beyond the $10.000. appropriated by the Privy Council and gave notice of his intention to move, in the Privy Council for a further appropriation of

and equal amount. Proposed the following Resolution:

Resolved: That the Cabinet shall recommend to His Majesty's Privy Council the appropriation of a further sum of $10.000. for defraying the remaining expenses of His late Majesty's funeral; the expenditure of said sum to be afterwards accounted for by proper vouchers by His Majesty's acting Minister of Finance and His Acting Chamberlain.

Approved.

Adjourned at half past twelve.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.
Wednesday 27th January at 10. A.M.
Present:
His Majesty the King: presiding
Mr. M. A. C. Wyllie
J. M. Robertson
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The minute of the Cabinet Council of the 22d instant were read and approved.

Mr C. C. Harris gave communication of a letter from Mr J. S. Judd relating to the matter pending between the Hawaiian Government and Mr Judd. The Attorney General proposed the following Resolution in accord with the proposal for reference contained in the aforesaid letter.

Resolved: That the Attorney General be authorized to enter into a bond for reference in the matter now pending between the Government and J. S. Judd, late Minister of Finance, in regard to the Estate of H. B. Howe and the

Hand plantation, in accordance with the letter of Dr. Judd to the Attorney General, offering to refer the matter to Messrs. C. H. Allen, G. Mc. Robertson and Ch. De Varigny. - Approved -

The question of the public printing was next taken up and Mr. Whitney's proposal read again.

It pleased His Majesty the King to express the following views: That it could not be denied that Mr. Fornander, not being himself a practical printer, had failed to carry out his contract with the Government; that there were now but two men competent to carry on a printing office, Messrs. Whitney and Sheldon; that Mr. Whitney had not been what might properly be called an opponent of the Government, but had left it dissatisfied and had since attempted to make money out of his dissatisfaction by dealing in personalities and abuse, and that, consequently, sympathy with or for Mr. Whitney was out of question; such being the case His Majesty suggested whether it would not be well to try what could be done under Mr. Sheldon's management.

Mr. G. Mc. Robertson stated that Mr. Sheldon had declined to undertake the Government printing under the present contract and that it would be difficult for the Minister of the Interior to account to the next Legislature for any increase of the said contract; added that, as to the office of Post Master General it was his opinion that a change would soon be required, the receipts of this office having fallen far below the average of previous years. In view of these facts, Mr. Robertson said he should be very sorry to see the present opportunity thrown away, although, at the same time he regretted not being able to suggest to His Majesty a more acceptable name than that of Mr. Whitney.

Mr. Wyllie said that, in his opinion,

Mr. Sheldon was a good writer and an able man but was not practical enough nor at all likely to succeed in an undertaking of this kind. Mr. Wyllie considered Mr. Whitney's proposal as made in a spirit of conciliation and as advantageous to the Government since it would secure efficiency in two important branches of the public service; agreed with His Majesty that Mr. Whitney had never been independent but had had to carry on his paper under the control of outside parties.

Mr. Hopkins said that it was only a few weeks ago that Mr. Whitney had boasted in his newspaper of his not being any longer a candidate for the public printing, and had, in bitter language, declared his wish to have nothing to do with the administration; that after such a declaration Mr. Whitney's proposal could not be properly entertained. It was his opinion that an opposition newspaper should always have a larger number of subscribers than the official organ, but that the present plan would merely make room for an opposition newspaper; as to the idea of having the official organ opened to adverse views, he considered this as unpracticable and stated that all weekly papers started on that neutral ground had failed.

It pleased His Majesty to remark that He understood that the Advertiser, and more especially the Kuokoa, had been, if not started, at least strongly supported by the Missionary party, and that, in his opinion, a fusion between the views entertained by the Government and those of the said party was not likely to last long. The greatest difficulty, however, in His Majesty's opinion, was as to the appointment of Mr. Whitney as Post Master General, Mr. Whitney having made himself notorious by his views against the Government and Monarchy itself.

Under such conviction, how could the King conciliate this appointment, emanating, as it did, from him, with the proper dignity of his Crown, and what effect would it have on his people? His Majesty concluded his remarks by suggesting to stop the publication of the Polynesian and to effect the whole appropriation to the public printing. He pleased his Majesty to add that the subject was, notwithstanding this expression of his views, still opened for discussion.

On the invitation of his Majesty Mr. L. H. Allen expressed his views as follows: that he did not know how far the Missionary party had supported Mr. Whitney's paper; that economy was, if not the paramount question, at least a very important one, and that, having personally never noticed in the Ca. Advertiser anything that he could construed as a onset or an attack upon Monarchy or the Monarch, believing, on the contrary, Mr. Whitney to be loyal to the King, in view of the economy and of the efficiency of the proposed plan he was in favor of closing with Mr. Whitney's proposal.

Mr. De Varigny stated that the King's Ministers were not actuated by any wish to silence an opposition which they did not dread and whose value and importance was appreciated as it ought to be. In his opinion and with due deference to his Majesty's views the only result of discontinuing the official newspaper would be to give to Mr. Whitney the entire control of the job printing, to add to his subscription list the subscribers of the Polynesian and to throw in his hands all the Advertising; in fact this measure would revive or give strength to Mr. Whitney's paper at the same time that it would deprive the Government of all means of making his views known.

Mr. Harris stated that in presence

of the doubts and scruples entertained by His Majesty the best course to follow was to drop the discussion for the present; that it was the duty of the Cabinet to devise some other scheme, perhaps more acceptable to the Sovereign, and, in the meanwhile to act according to the Resolutions previously passed.

After some remarks from Mr. Hopkins on the distinction made by the Civil Code vesting in His Majesty alone the appointment of a Post Master General, Mr. Robertson now read a communication from Messrs. Janion Green & Co. asking permission to supply the steamer "Annie Laurie" with fresh water from Government pipes and to use the Government's wharf free of charge. Mr. Robertson added that he was not in favor of granting these privileges and was instructed to reply negatively.

Mr. Robertson communicated an offer of $150. for a small piece of land in Waikiki containing 1½ acres. Was authorized to accept this offer.

On motion of Mr. Robertson seconded by Mr. Wyllie, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved: That the Chief Justice and the Attorney General be requested to lay before His Majesty, in Cabinet Council, their opinions, separately, upon the meaning of the 1442 Sect. of the Civil Code, and as to the extent ~~if any~~ of the power, if any, conferred on the Privy Council by that Section.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. J. Carigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Friday 29th January at 10. A.M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - Presiding
Mr. Mr. C. H. Allen
R. C. Wyllie
J. Mr. Robertson
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The minutes of the Cabinet Council of 27th inst. were read and approved.

Mr. J. Mr. Robertson stated that he had officially released Mr. A. Fornander from his contract with the Government, said release to take effect at the end of the present month, that consequently after the publication of the Polynesian of to-morrow the Government was to be without an organ. Mr. Robertson added that Mr. Fornander was indebted to the Government for the following amounts:

$ 444.80 - collected by him on acct of the Government
972.29. back rent of Govt premises
36.92. balance overdrawn in 1862.
total $ 1.454.01.

That the cash in hand unexpended and appropriated for Government printing was $633.34. and that, supposing Mr. Fornander's debt to stand on the books of his Department, the above mentioned sum of $633.34. was all that was left to defray the expenses of the Govt printing for the next two months. The Minister of the Interior submitted in conclusion a modified proposal of Mr. Whitney who offers to undertake the Government printing for $3.800. per annum and to allow to the Government the use of two columns of his newspaper.

Messrs Robertson, Wyllie and Harris were in favor of adopting this modified plan

as giving at least a chance to the Government of making his views known. In their opinion the result of the adoption of this plan would be to convert, by degrees, the Commercial Advertiser, into an exponent and an advocate of the views of the Government and to bind it by ties of interest to the Government.

Mr. De Varigny stated that this scheme did not strike him favorably and that he should prefer, if necessary, to see the Government do without a newspaper than put up with such a subordinate position in the Commercial Advertiser.

It pleased His Majesty to state that he should prefer the former scheme of a Royal Hawaiian Gazette to be tried.

Mr. Allen inquired whether it could be done.

After discussion His Majesty expressed his wish to consider the matter at leisure.

Mr. Wyllie's dispatch to and reply to Mr. McBride was adjourned till to morrow.

His Majesty asked for the opinion of His Cabinet in relation to the lot where the Mausoleum was built. The said lot being part of the Crown's lands it was His Majesty's wish to make it over to the Government to have it dedicated for a Royal Cemetary and, as such, kept in good order and repairs by the State. This question was postponed for consideration.

Adjourned at 1. P. M.

C. De Varigny

Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Saturday 30th January at 10. A.M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding
Mr. Mr. C. H. Allen
R. C. Wyllie
J. M. Robertson
C. C. Harris
E. H. Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 29th instant were read and approved.

The reply of the Minister of foreign affairs to the U. S. Minister was made the business of the day.

Messrs C. C. Harris and J. M. Robertson presented the amendments proposed by the committee to the draft of his dispatch submitted by Mr. Wyllie.

It pleased His Majesty to approve of said amendments with which the Minister of Foreign Affairs agreed.

On motion of Mr. C. H. Allen seconded by Mr. E. H. Varigny the report of the Committee was adopted.

Mr. Wyllie suggested that he should be authorized to have a personal interview with Mr. McBride, to read to him his dispatch, giving him at the same time full explanations, previous to leaving the Dispatch in his hands. It was agreed to leave this interview to the discretion of the Minister of foreign Affairs.

Adjourned at ½ past 11. A.M.

E. H. Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.

Meonday 1st February at 1. P. Me.

Present:

His Majesty the King - Presiding.

Me. Me. R. C. Wyllie

C. C. Harris

C. de Varigny.

The Meinister of Foreign Affairs laid before His Majesty a note from the French Commissioner, referring to a certain song published in the Kuokoa newspaper and said to have been sung at the Palace. Mr. Desnoyers understood this song to convey a meaning insulting for France and complained accordingly.

It pleased His Majesty the King to authorize Mr. Wyllie to reply to the French Commissioner and to state that the said song had been sung and published without any knowledge of it on the part of His Majesty.

Adjourned at 1/2 past 1. P. Me.

C. de Varigny

Honorary Secretary

of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace

Tuesday 9th February at 10. A. Me.

Present:

His Majesty the King. presiding.

Me. Me. R. C. Wyllie

G. Me. Robertson

C. C. Harris

C. de Varigny.

The Meinutes of the Cabinet Councils of 30th January and 1st of February were read and approved.

The Meinister of the Interior stated that he had received an application from Messrs Joseph and John Booth for the lease of some Government lands at Waianae, and submitted

the following Resolution:

Be it resolved: That the Minister of the Interior is hereby empowered to lease the lands known as Meakua, Kahanahaiki and half of Kearaula in Waianae, Island of Oahu, to Joseph Booth and John Booth, for a term of 25. years, at the annual rent of $175. with the option of purchasing the same in fee simple for the sum of $2.000. cash. (approved).

In reference to an application from Mr. Th. Spencer of Hilo through his Agent in Honolulu for the lease of the Puka privilege in the Hilo district, Mr. G. Mc. Robertson submitted the following Resolution:

Resolved: That the Minister of the Interior be hereby authorized to let the puka privilege on the lands mentioned in Mr. Th. Spencer's application of the 5th inst., to him, for the term of one year for the sum of $400. payable quarterly.

(approved).

Mr. G. Mc. Robertson mentioned that the question of the Public Press had been left pending and respectfully inquired for the views of His Majesty.

It pleased His Majesty the King to make known his views as follows: That taking into consideration the small amount left to defray the expenses of Government printing. He was of opinion not to issue any Government newspaper for the present, to carry on the printing, as formerly, at the Government office and to cause the official notices to be published in the Commercial Advertiser, when necessary, and paid for, out of said amount.

It was agreed that the Minister of the Interior should be relieved from the Resolutions passed on the 11. of January last and that the plan suggested by His Majesty should be acted upon.

The Attorney General called the attention of the Cabinet on the interpretation put upon the 9th article of the American Treaty, by the American Consuls, as detrimental to this Government, and, as an instance, mentioned that there was, at the present moment, a sum of $2.000. net proceeds of the estate of a Mr. Kemp deposited in the American Treasury. Mr. Harris stated that the said Kemp had died in Honolulu, intestate, that his property had been sold by order of the American Consul, and the aforesaid sum of $2.000. sent over to Washington, where, no heirs appearing to claim the same, it had been deposited in the American Treasury and should eventually revert to the same, instead of the Hawaiian Treasury, after the proper delays imposed by law.

Mr. J. Mr. Robertson endorsed the opinion of the Attorney General and suggested that the question should be brought in a practical shape so as to allow the Minister of Foreign Affairs to call the attention of the American Government on the wrong interpretation of the 8th article of the Treaty.

Mr. De Varigny stated that since the question of this Treaty was mentioned he would call the attention of the Cabinet on this fact that the 8th article of the English, American and Swedish Treaties respectively imposed upon this Government the same restriction in regard to whaleships; that these Treaties had successively come to the period where they might be partly or wholly denounced: the English Treaty on the 6th May 1859; the American Treaty on the 24. August 1860; the Swedish Treaty on the 5th April 1862. That it might be well to attempt to remove these restrictions from the text of said Treaties, so leaving it to the option of the Hawaiian Government to continue or not

the privileges granted by them to whaleships.

Mr. R. C. Wyllie stated that Sir J. Bowring had received instructions to that effect.

Mr. De Varigny added that not only could those restrictions be removed by denouncing the said Treaties wholly or partially but that some new stipulations, advantageous to this Government might be introduced in them and was in favor of making a move in that direction, the more so that he had heard from one of the members of this Cabinet another suggestion which deserved, in his opinion, earnest and careful consideration, and might be highly advantageous to the country.

With His Majesty's permission, Mr. C. C. Harris, as the party alluded to, explained the suggestion as follows: to attempt to remove the tax of 2 cents per pound imposed by the American Tariff upon the Hawaiian sugars, thus to relieve our planters from this tax and substitute in its place an export duty of 1c per pound. The considerable increase of our sugar exports would thus ensure to the Government a constantly increasing income, at the same time that it would lighten the duty on our planters by 2/3.

It pleased His Majesty the King to appoint His Minister of Finance and His Attorney General as a committee with instructions to examine carefully the questions raised and to report in writing to His Majesty in Cabinet Council.

Adjourned at 1/4 p. twelve

C. C. Varigny

Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.

Saturday, 13 February at 12. Noon.

Present:

His Majesty the King. Presiding.

Mr. Mr. R. H. Allen

J. Mr. Robertson

C. J. Hopkins

C. C. Harris

C. De Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 9th inst. were read and approved.

Mr. Hopkins stated that the expenses of the funeral of the late King were nearly closed and amounted to about $17.000.

The Minister of the Interior mentioned that the steamer "Pele" needed important repairs estimated at about $2.000. to be paid out of the fund appropriated for that object. The matter properly belonging to his Department, it was left to his own discretion.

The Minister of the Interior submitted the following Resolutions:

Resolved: that the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to issue a Royal Patent to Kaahuliili for 67 1/10 acres of land at Meoanla, District of Kau, Hawaii, sold to him for the sum of $126.25 - and surveyed by F. S. Lyman - Approved.

Resolved: that the Minister of the Interior is hereby empowered to let to Ch. N. Spencer, of Kau, Hawaii, the exclusive privilege of collecting Pulu, for one year, upon the unsold portions of the Government lands enumerated in Mr. Spencer's letter of the 18th of January last, for the sum of $250., payable in advance (Approved)

The Minister of the Interior read a letter from Mr. Chamberlain offering to sell to the Government his house in Hilo,

built upon Government land and the furniture therein for the sum of $150. The matter was left to the discretion of the Minister.

The Chief Justice stated that he had given his most earnest attention to the best mode of filling up the vacancy occasioned in the Supreme Court by the appointment of Mr. Robertson to the office of Minister of the Interior; that feeling great doubt and uncertainty in reference to this question he had called a Cabinet Conference, and after taking the advice of the Ministers did beg to suggest the name of Mr. Robertson for the situation of first associate Justice, there not being, in his opinion, any gentleman so well qualified to discharge the duties of this important office.

Mr. Robertson said that in the Conference alluded to by the Chief Justice he had stated and requested leave to state again that he had always and should always place the welfare of the administration above his personal feelings and was ready to assume the duties of such office in which His Majesty, in this wisdom, should consider his services more advantageous. That the position which he now occupied was one in which he should willingly remain, and whose duties were congenial to him, but that such considerations he would waive at once for the service of His Majesty.

Mr. R. C. Wallis mentioned that the high and honourable ground now taken by Mr. Robertson was in perfect harmony with the reply he had received from him, when, by command of His Majesty, he had offered to him the portfolio of the Interior

Mr Harris regretted that the Executive power should have to lose the services of Mr Robertson, but, considering the importance of preserving untouched the high standing of the Supreme Court, he was of opinion that no objection could be made to the suggestion of the Chief Justice.

Mr De Varigny stated that he should very much regret the loss in the Executive of a colleague in whom he felt the utmost confidence and whose personal character stood so high, but that feeling convinced that the suggestion made by the Chief Justice was made after long and mature deliberation and dictated by the most loyal interest for the government, he felt reluctantly compelled to agree with his colleagues.

Mr C. J. Hopkins said, that he had foreseen the present difficulty and did not see any better mode of filling up the vacancy on the bench than the one suggested by the Chief Justice with whose views he agreed.

Mr Robertson stated that he felt highly flattered by the views expressed by the Members of the Cabinet, that he had a high opinion of the efficiency of the present administration and should willingly continue to be part of it, but that he should govern himself by the wishes of His Sovereign.

He pleased His Majesty to express his wish to reflect at leisure upon the subject.

Adjourned at ½ past one.

C. De Varigny

Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.

Monday 15th February at 10. A.M.

Present.

His Majesty the King. Presiding.

Mr. Mc. L. H. Allen

R. C. Wyllie

J. Mc. Robertson

C. J. Hopkins

C. C. Harris

C. De Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 13th inst. were read and approved.

Referring to the question of the pending appointment to the Supreme Court, and to the way the subject had been introduced and brought under His Majesty's cognizance, Mr. J. Mc. Robertson stated that if His Majesty, in his wisdom, expressed a wish that he should resume his former office, he did not entertain any doubt that His Sovereign would see that proper means should be taken to prevent all misconstruction of such a step. Mr. Robertson said that three different explanations, all of them equally wrong and false, might be circulated attributing his return to the Bench 1st to internal division in the Cabinet, 2nd to a wish on his part to be relieved of the duties of his present office, 3rd to a wish, on the part of his colleagues, to see him so removed. Having acted, as he had, with perfect frankness, Mr. Robertson felt that he had a right to expect from his colleagues the same favor, the more so considering that the various misconstructions pointed out by him might be as disagreeable to the members of the Cabinet as to himself personally.

The justice of the request of Mr. Robertson was acknowledged by the Members of the Cabinet, and, after discussion as to the best mode of so doing without drawing invidious comparison

with such outside parties as might be aspirants to the same Honour. The Hon. R. C. Wyllie then rose and submitted the following Resolution:

Resolved: That this Council very highly approve of the reappointment by His Majesty of G. M. Robertson to the important office of first Associate Judge of the Supreme Court, upon the ground that he is no new man but a man well tried and proved by a long and satisfactory experience of 9 years and more especially during 1855. & 1856., when he, with so much general satisfaction, performed the functions of Chancellor and Chief Justice, also, because the Chief Justice has earnestly suggested his return to the Bench and advised His Majesty so to exercise His Prerogative.

The wording of this Resolution and especially the reasons assigned for the return of Judge Robertson to the Bench met with the most cordial and unanimous approval on the part of the members of the Cabinet as fairly representing the views entertained by all of them on this question.

Adjourned at 12. Noon.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1854.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday, February 16. at 10. A. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King, Presiding
Hon. M. L. H. Allen — C. G. Hopkins.
R. C. Wyllie — C. C. Harris
G. M. Robertson — C. de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 15th inst. were read and approved.

It pleased His Majesty the King to make known his views in relation to the

unanimous endorsement by his Cabinet of the suggestions of the Chief Justice. His Majesty had been in hope that Mr Allan would have been able to avoid the present difficulty, but the Chancellor had stated that he was unable conscientiously to suggest to him any other name, and, such being the case the King did not see what better plan could be adopted than the one proposed. In calling Mr Robertson to the Department of the Interior, His Majesty felt that he was calling in his Executive Council a man well acquainted with the native language, habits and manners, besides knowing that in the changes he had in view to suggest in the present Constitution he could rely upon Mr Robertson's experience and loyalty. Moreover, the Chief Justice had mentioned Mr Robertson's name for his former office, the Cabinet had unanimously recommended this suggestion and out of consideration for the wishes of His Chancellor and His Cabinet His Majesty requested Mr Robertson to resume when he should be ready so to do the office of 1st Associate Judge of the Supreme Court

Mr Robertson stated that he was ready to abide by the decision of his Sovereign and returned his thanks for the confidence reposed in him

Respectfully alluding to the remark made by H. M. in reference to the changes contemplated in the Constitution, the Attorney General mentioned that in case these changes should be submitted to a Convention any of the Judges could therein represent one of the three Estates

On the recommendation of the Chief Justice and of Mr Robertson, it was suggested by the Cabinet that an application should be made by His Majesty in Privy Council to exercise his prerogative of mercy in favor

of Mr. Chinaman, Ahong, Chinaman and
Hale Haaimano, Hawaiian

Adjourned at 11. A. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of the
Cabinet

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Thursday, February 16. at 10. A. M.

Present

His Majesty the King. Presiding
Hon. M. G. H. Allen
R. C. Wyllie
G. M. Robertson
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 16th inst. were read and approved

The report of the Committee appointed on the 9th instant was made the order of the day. The said report was read and commented upon by the Attorney General as one of the Committee.

On Mr. Wyllie's motion the report was adopted

Mr. de Varigny submitted the following resolution:

Resolved. That a copy of the report presented by the Committee on the 18th inst. be and approved by His Majesty in Cabinet Council be handed over to the Ministers of Foreign Relations and to the Attorney General, for them gentlemen to act, in their respective capacities upon the suggestions therein contained (approved)

The Minister of Foreign Affairs read copy of a Royal letter submitted to His Majesty for his signature and addressed to the President of the United States, accrediting Sir J. Bowring as His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary

and Minister Plenipotentiary.

It being the wish of His Majesty and His Cabinet to reopen, if possible, negotiations with the U. S. Government, as proposed in the report approved of, a discussion took place as to the best mode of so doing. The chances of success of a negotiation carried on by Sir T. Berring either in London, Paris or Washington, or by the Government in Honolulu were successively examined and discussed and the unanimous opinion of the Cabinet embodied in the following Resolution presented by Mr. R. C. Wyllie:

Resolved: that it is expedient to send an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the President of the United States for the special purpose of negociating a new Treaty with the United States, and such a Reciprocity Treaty as may be agreed upon.

Resolved: That this Council approve of Mr. Wyllie's nomination of the Hon. E. H. Allen for that important mission and concur in advising His Majesty so to accredit Mr. Allen.

Resolved: that a special committee be appointed to prepare the draft of such a Treaty of reciprocity with the U. S. as will benefit the present circumstances of the Kingdom, without implicating the King's Government in questions with other foreign Governments.

approved

Mr Mr. R. C. Wyllie and C. C. Harris were appointed as such Committee

Upon which His Majesty the King to announce his selection of Mr C. G. Hopkins as Minister of the Interior and to request Mr C. De Varigny to assume the executive duties of Minister of Finance.

In connection with the renewal of the credentials of Sir T. Berring, Mr De Varigny submitted the following resolution seconded by Mr Wyllie:

Resolved: that the Minister of Foreign

Affairs be requested to ascertain from Sir J. Bowring, whilst sending him, with his credentials, His Majesty's instructions, what his probable yearly expenses might be, so long as he should continued to act in the capacity of His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

(Approved)

Adjourned at ½ p. one.

C. de Varigny

Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace

Monday 22d February at 10. A. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - Presiding -

Mr. Mr. C. H. Allen

R. C. Wyllie

C. J. Hopkins

C. C. Harris

C. de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 18th inst. were read and approved.

The report of the Committee appointed on the 18th inst. to examine the question of a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States was read and submitted, together with the credentials given to Mr. W. L. Lee in 1855. for the same object. The report was adopted and the following Resolution submitted by Mr. R. C. Wyllie.

Resolved. by the King in Cabinet Council that full powers be and are hereby given to Mr. C. H. Allen as His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Washington, to negotiate a Treaty of Reciprocity and of Commerce and Navigation with the Government of the United States of America, hereby intrusting to him, as said Minister, full discretionary powers in said negotiations and in all other matters tending to

secure the honour, interests and the rights of the Hawaiian crown.

Resolved: that the King and Cabinet, in consideration of the good to the Kingdom to be expected from Mr. Allen's mission agree to reimburse him for what personal expenses he may incur, in the discharge of the duties of said Minister and that a Privy Council be convened by His Majesty to sanction this engagement, agreably to the Resolution hereunto subjoined.

Resolved: that Prince Wm. Lunalilo accompany Mr. Allen in quality of His Secretary, and that his travelling expenses be provided for by an appropriation to be sanctioned by the Privy Council, agreably to the Resolution hereunto subjoined.

Resolved: that the Ministed of Foreign Affairs is directed to furnish Mr. Allen with the necessary credentials and instructions to enable him to execute what is provided for by the preceding Resolutions, and to leave within as short a delay as possible.

Resolved: that the Cabinet agree to recommend to His Majesty in the Privy Council to vote a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of Mr. Allen's mission and also the travelling expenses of Prince Wm. Lunalilo as his Secretary of Legation.

These Resolutions were passed

It pleased His Majesty to instruct the Attorney General not to proceed to Lahaina.

Adjourned at ½ past twelve

C. de Varigny

Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.

Wednesday, 24 February at 10. A. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - Presiding -

Mr. M. C. H. Allen

" C. C. Wyllie

" C. J. Hopkins

" C. C. Harris

" C. de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 22d inst. were read and approved.

The financial question was made the order of the day and the Minister of Finance exposed to His Majesty the present condition of the finances of the country together with the actual position of the public debt, and the necessity of ascertaining, as soon as possible, the various amounts required by each Department for the next 2 years.

It pleased His Majesty to express a wish that the revenue system of the Kingdom should be thoroughly examined and reported upon.

Several suggestions were made by His Majesty and the Members of the Cabinet:

By His Majesty: in relation to the poll tax and the payment of taxes in produce;

By Mr. C. C. Wyllie, on the tax on income and on concentrating in the Finance Department all receipts and disbursements;

By Messrs. C. H. Allen & C. J. Hopkins on the road tax.

By Mr. C. C. Harris, on the granting of a municipal charter to the City of Honolulu.

By Mr. C. de Varigny, on the mode of assessment and collection of the taxes.

It pleased His Majesty the King to appoint His Minister of the Interior and His Minister of Finance as a Committee, with instructions to report on the present system of road tax and to suggest amendments on the same

The following Resolution was submitted:

Resolvid: that the Attorney General be desired to draw a bill to be submitted to the next Legislature, granting municipal priviliges to and imposing municipal duties on the City of Honolulu.

(Approved).

It pleased His Majesty to instruct His Ministers of finance to consider the various suggestions made in Council, together with all questions appertaining to the system of taxes and Tariff, and to report, when ready so to do, in writing, to Himself in Cabinet Council.

Adjourned at 1. P. M.

C. C. Harris

Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace

Thursday, March 3rd at 10. A. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - Presiding -

His Royal Highness Mr. Kekuanaoa

Mr. Mr. C. H. Allen

R. C. Wyllie

C. G. Hopkins

C. C. Harris

C. C. Harris.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 24. February were read and approved.

Mr. C. H. Allen stated that he had had an interview with the U. S. Minister and that said Minister had entered warmly into the plans of the Hawaiian Government in relation to the negotiations of a reciprocal Treaty with the U. S.

The Attorney General presented and read his report upon the estate of His late Majesty. This report was received and filed with the Secretary.

The question of the revision of the Constitution was next in order. It pleased His Majesty to make known to His Cabinet his views as embodied in a

Document read by Himself. This communication from the Throne was entered upon the records and read as follows:

" " It is not my intention in this discussion
" " of the Constitution of 1852. to go into minute
" " details or to show in what precise points I think
" " it might be changed so as to render it better adap-
" " ted to the wants of the people upon whom it
" " weighs as a Supreme Law, or the particular
" " portions of it which appear to cramp and cir-
" " cumscribe the authority of the Throne of which
" " I am now the occupant, but to state in general
" " terms, and upon general principles the altera-
" " tions which I have reason to believe would
" " work for the advantage of all parties concerned
" " and interested in that ~~document~~ Instrument=
" " I believe that universal suffrage is a right
" " altogether beyond the political capacity of this
" " people as it exists to-day. To jump by one bound
" " from feudalism which involves unquestioning
" " obedience to the will of a superior, who ruled
" " and thought for those under him, to the very
" " extreme of political influence, is an ordeal
" " which the wisest of people could hardly be
" " equal to. From war, rebellion and child like
" " subservience to the will of their Chiefs, this
" " people has been called upon to exercise a plenit-
" " tude of individual option and intelligence
" " which few peoples have enjoyed and none perhaps
" " knew how to use. As a general rule prosperity
" " and the accumulation of property follow intelli-
" " gence and as a test of intelligence prosperity might
" " be accepted as an index of the capabilities of
" " the individual. Equally necessary is it that
" " the system under which a people lives should
" " be adapted to its genius and that its habitual
" " habits of thought and traditional methods of
" " reasoning should be regarded in every system
" " of Government intended for their adoption.
" " Another point is that a system of government
" " altogether beyond the actual condition of a

" nation, by failing to take hold of them will
" lead them just where they were, whereas a
" system adapted to their actual necessities may
" be so managed as to be improvable from time
" to time and to carry the people along with it
" to a higher state of political existence.
" As a principle I think the prerogatives
" of the Crown ought to be more carefully protec-
" ted in the various articles of the Constitution,
" and that the influence of the Crown ought
" to be seen pervading every function of the Go-
" vernment for which the Constitution provides.
" I am not convinced that in the instrument
" of 1852 the first Estate of the Realm enjoys
" a weight proportionate to that of either the
" second or third Estates. I would refer, as a
" particular case to the Power with which the
" Privy Council is vested, its members being largely
" irresponsible except in so far as their oath of
" office regulates their giving of advice although
" their advice once given the effects of it can
" work them no injury as Privy Councillors,
" whatever it may do to them as Members of
" the general Community. At present every
" member of the Privy Council has the privilege
" of attending at every meeting of the Council
" and to vote after expressing his views. This prac-
" tice, I think, might be substituted by the sys-
" tem which prevails elsewhere of the Cabinet
" calling, in the name of the Crown, upon those
" members who are supposed to have particular
" information or experience in regard to the sub-
" ject to be brought forward for consideration.
" According to the project of our Constitution the
" Sovereign might be advised to follow a certain
" course, and having done so, we will suppose, to the
" disadvantage of the public interests, the Members
" of the Privy Council might wash their hands
" of the matter by saying that they voted under a
" misapprehension or upon insufficient informa-
" tion

" "Another point that might be urged against
" the present Constitution and, as I do think,
" with a great deal of force, is that it enters too
" much into detail, and thereby cramps the easy
" working of the system it is intended to support.
" Changes in habits of thought, manners, practice
" and a hundred other matters that regulate
" our every day conduct will and must come
" with time. The times change and men
" change with the times. I therefore hold
" that the Constitutions of a country ought
" not to be made for twenty five years or even
" half a century but that it should leave room
" for the workings and alterations which are
" essential to the permanency of every system
" which originates in the human mind. This
" remark applies not less to the Supreme Court
" than to other branches of the system under
" which we live. My idea is simply this
" that the object being well expressed and the
" general system regulated, the details and minor
" arrangements might be regulated by the exigen-
" cies of the time and the mutations which
" mark the fallibility of all mundane laws.
" I have nothing to urge against those
" portions of the Constitution which define
" the rights of those who live under it, or in
" other words of the mass of the people.
" The powers of the House of Representa-
" tives, and their practice, particularly in
" regard to the manner in which they vote
" the appropriations necessary for the support
" of the government in view of the various
" necessities which call for a share of a
" limited revenue, ought, I think to be subjec-
" ted to the gravest consideration of those
" who hold the place of statesmen among us.
" In granting universal suffrage, I
" think the Constitution of 1852. went a
" step beyond what the actual state of the
" people warranted; that privilege was certainly

" a little prematurely given. It was suggested
" by an evident desire to assimilate our institu-
" tions to those of peoples immeasurably inad-
" vanced of our population; it was like giving a
" knife and fork to a child only capable of spoon
" meat. I would seriously advise the consideration
" of the question, whether a property qualification
" for voters and another for Representatives would
" not add to the intelligence of the Lower House
" of Legislature, secure perhaps a more lively
" interest in the permanent prosperity of the
" country and excite the energies of the people
" by encouraging thrift and the constant exercise
" of efforts to improve the faculties with which
" they are endowed in order to attain to those
" political privileges which now being common
" to all may be said to be valued by none."

After expressing his thanks to His Majesty for this important communication, the Chief Justice submitted the following Resolution:

Resolved: that the paper read by His Majesty this morning to His Cabinet, giving His views in relation to the general principles which should be incorporated into a Constitution for this Kingdom be referred to a Committee for consideration and a Report;

Resolved further, that the Committee carefully consider the points made by His Majesty and also report upon the same and make any additional suggestions which they may regard as essential, stating fully their views in relation to the mode in which changes should be made. (approved).

The Attorney General represented that by the present Constitution the Sovereign was part of the Legislative body and suggested that the modification of the Constitution or the enactment of a new one be made by a Convention. Added that, in his opinion, the compliance by His Majesty with the provisions of the 64. Art. of the Constitution was necessary and that he should recommend it, so that rights vested under the laws to be passed by

the next Legislature be not impaired as they might otherwise be

These Orders were supported by Messrs E. H. Allen and C. De Varigny.

It pleased His Majesty to appoint His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs and His Attorney General as a Committee to act according to the Resolutions above mentioned and passed.

Adjourned at ½ to two. P. M.

C. De Varigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Thursday, March 10. at 3. P. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - Presiding -
Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
" L. H. Hopkins
" A. P. Harris
" C. De Varigny

The Minister of Foreign Affairs submitted to His Majesty's signature the papers relating to the mission of Mr E. H. Allen to the United States of America.

The Minister of the Interior submitted the following resolution:

Resolved: that the Minister of the Interior be and is hereby empowered to cancel the lease for the Island of Kahoolawe executed in favor of R. C. Wyllie and E. H. Allen on the 1st Day of April 1856, which lease was subsequently assigned by said R. C. Wyllie to said E. H. Allen, and to execute a new lease in favor of E. H. Allen for the term of 50. years from the date thereof at a yearly rent of $250. per annum, to take effect from the 1st Day of January 1863. to which date the full rent has been paid; this reduction is made in view of the long drought which he has suffered and the danger of the same

in future, and in view also of the many losses incident thereto.

After explanations given by the Minister of the Interior the above resolution was passed.

Adjourned at 4. P.M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Wednesday, March 30th at 11. A.M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding -
Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 3rd inst. were read and approved.

The Committee appointed on the 3rd inst. to prepare and make a report upon the Constitution presented the same.

This report was read, amended, approved and filed with the Secretary. They reads as follows:

" May it please Your Majesty
" The undersigned appointed a special
" Committee at the Cabinet Council of the
" 3rd instant to consider and report upon the
" general views which were presented by Your
" Majesty upon the existing Constitution, and
" to make such suggestions as might appear to
" them conducive to the good of the people,
" beg Your Majesty's permission to report as
" follows:

" We have carefully considered the thoughts
" expressed in Your Majesty's communication
" and are constrained to admit that "the Consti-
" tution does cramp and circumscribe the authority
" of the Crown." It renders it impossible to

enact laws for the benefit of the people, and that universal suffrage has not had the effect to raise the people to that estate of education or thoughtfulness which can render a man's opinion of any value or justly entitled to express that opinion in a manner calculated to give it weight as a vote for lawmakers undoubtedly does. The mass of this people vote haphazard, ignorantly, or influenced by the most puerile considerations, or even like children at the polls. having one ticket taken from their hands and another substituted by a different candidate, which in its turn is taken by another and another; such not being individual or peculiar incidents but the essential characteristic of the infinitely larger portion of the voters. Surely, if this be true as it undoubtedly is in the opinion of this Committee that few, and we believe, almost none value in the least the great privilege of suffrage, then it is most true that the transition has been too sudden for a "child like" people, and to the degree that it may be fairly questioned whether the people were prepared to receive this inestimable boon at all, even in a very limited degree, and your Committee are further of the opinion that the possession of the right of suffrage by a large, indeed the larger portion of people, who may be unable to exercise it intelligently or do not value it tends clearly and directly to the demoralization of government, i.e. to derogate from its dignity and means of benefitting the people.

The Committee is further of opinion that it is not advisable to impose upon the Privy Council any very considerable executive duties; that however valuable such a Council may be as advisatory, and the appointment thereto a high honor, and therefore valuable as an instrument or means of government,

it is not advisable to compel the Executive to call for their advice in matters in which such advice is unnecessary.

Your Committee fully concurring in and endorsing Your Majesty's views, yet beg that a longer time may be allowed them to arrange and prepare the changes which may be advisable, or possibly to prepare a draft of a new Constitution, and, it may be, a still longer time to deliberate on what recommendation they shall make as to the mode of making the changes, since it must be apparent that it is necessary first to decide on the magnitude and importance of the changes before it can be advantageously debated in what manner those changes are to be made.

Respectfully submitted-

March 26th 1864.

(Signed) R. C. Wyllie
C. C. Harris.

The changes proposed to be introduced in the Constitution were next read without discussion, the same being postponed for mature consideration.

The Minister of the Interior mentioned that Mr. Needham having been informed of the award of the arbitrators in the case of the Hawaiian Government vs. G. P. Judd had made an application for the purchase of the land known formerly as the Hana Plantation, and submitted the following Resolution:

Resolved: That the Minister of the Interior is hereby authorized to dispose of the land formerly known as the Hana plantation on Maui to Messrs Needham and Unna for the sum of $1.000-, and to grant to them a term of 18. months, for the full payment of the above amount, they paying interest on the same at the rate of 12% per annum - approved-

The Minister of the Interior mentioned that he had received an application from Capt. Gay for permission to use his own vessel in carrying sheep to the Island of Niihau. This application was referred to the Minister of the Interior for him to decide upon after consultation with the Attorney General.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Monday, April 4th at 12. Noon

Present:

His Majesty the King - Presiding
His E. A. M. Kekuanaoa
M. M. M. C. E. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 30th of March was read and approved.

It pleased His Majesty to suggest that the articles of the Constitution, as amended, should be taken up one by one and discussed separately.

The 1st article was read. The Committee proposed to amend it by striking out the word "equal" as implying a false assertion politically, physically and morally. M. Wyllie made an energetic appeal to stop the decrease of population and recommended that sufficient powers be placed in the hands of the Executive to meet the urgency of the case. While agreeing with his views, the Cabinet, not being yet clear how the liberty of the subjects and the powers asked for could be conciliated and considering that the restrictions, if any, could perhaps more conveniently be introduced in some other article

proceeded to the reading of the 2d article.

Some alterations were suggested consisting in the suppression of the words "practices inconsistent with the peace and safety of the Kingdom". After discussion no change was made.

In the 3rd article it was recommended that the last clause "to wit:" and no law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the Press." It was represented that circumstances might arise making it necessary to enact such laws and that article 3rd without that clause was still as liberal as could be. The suppression of the last clause would leave the door opened for the Executive to propose, or not, to the Legislature a law on the Press, according as they saw fit. This view was partially adopted and this clause temporarily suppressed.

No change was recommended in the 4. article.

In all the above discussion no vote was taken nor was any alteration definitively decided upon, it being this Majesty's intention to ascertain all views entertained before coming to a conclusion. It being besides acknowledged that some changes and alterations suggested in connection with some articles would more properly find their place in others not yet discussed.

Before adjourning the Minister of the Interior mentioned that an American seaman Julius Wise had been discharged in Honolulu and placed by his Consul in the H.I. Hospital for medical treatment, he pledging himself in writing to ship, when cured, on board an American vessel. That, in violation of said pledge and when cured the said J. Wise had taken the oath of allegiance for the purpose of avoiding being shipped again and that the American Consul claimed him as deserter.

The question was referred to the Ministe

of the Interior for him to decide after consul-
tation with the Attorney General.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday, April 5th at ½ past 11. A.M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - Presiding.
M. M. C. C. Wyllie
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 4th inst. were read and approved.

The discussion on the amendments of the Constitution was resumed. Art. 5. was read and passed without alterations.

Art. 6. was suppressed and incorporated in art. 8.

Art. 7. was read and passed without alterations.

In art. 8. the Committee proposed to incorporate the 6th art. modified so as to secure the right of trial by jury in all criminal cases. Mr. Wyllie proposed to modify this article so as to conform with the 2d paragraph of the 17th article of the French Treaty securing to Consuls and Consular Agents the privilege to testify in writing or at their own residence; after discussion and explanation the article, as amended by the Committee, was passed.

The articles 9th, 10th and 11. were reported by the Committee without modifications and passed.

The 12th article was amended by the suppression of the penalty contained in the same upon the ground that a slave being free the moment he was landed on Hawaiian shores no penalty could be imposed upon a master who ceased to be such.

The 13th article was reported without modifications and passed.

Art. 14th was read and the Committee proposed to strike out the last phrase as a mere repetition of the principle embodied in the first. An opinion was expressed that the powers asked for by Mr. Wyllie to stop the depopulation of the country were contained in this very article and might be, by a slight modification of the text made perfectly clear. After discussion this article was referred to the Committee for them to propose, after consideration, such modification, if any, as would meet the views of the Cabinet.

Art. 15. was reported with some slight alterations of the text and passed.

Art. 16. was reported as amended and provision made in it for unforeseen emergencies; it was besides argued and agreed upon that the appreciation of such cases did properly belong to the Executive and the words "Cabinet Council" were substituted to "Privy Council" as inserted in the proposed amendment of the Committee

The 17th article was read and passed without alterations.

Art. 18. gave rise to a discussion on the propriety of striking out the words "Laws of the Land" and substituting "military laws." The Cabinet were of opinion that this was provided for by the article, a military [redacted] code being one of the laws of the land; the 18. art. was passed as modified by the Committee.

To art. 19. Mr. Wyllie proposed to substitute by the vote by ballot the vote viva voce; after discussion the question was postponed for further consideration.

Art. 20. and 21. were read and passed without modification.

An additional article was then proposed by the Committee and passed after

amendment.

The 22d article was suppressed to be inserted further on.

The 23d article was read together with the amendments proposed by the Committee with a view to make more explicit the distinction between the Legislative and Judicial powers and to prevent the possibility of their being united in any one individual. The article was passed as amended.

Adjourned at 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Thursday, 7th April 7th at 12. Noon.

Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding -
M. M. R. C. Wyllie
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council ~~was~~ of the 5th inst. were read and approved.

The discussion on the amendments of the Committee of Constitution was resumed.

The 24th art. was read and the 22d incorporated therein; this article was passed as amended.

In art. 25th the words "hereby permanently confirmed" were suppressed. It being the opinion of the Cabinet that this article ~~related~~ merely to the order of succession it was referred to the Committee for them to report further and embody in the same the powers of the Sovereign and the Royal family.

Between art. 25. and art. 26. the Committee inserted art. 24. providing for the taking of the oath by the Sovereign on his accession.

Art 26. was passed as amended by the Committee.

Art. 27th was passed with the substitution of the words "parliament" to those of "Privy Council".

Art. 28. was referred to the Committee

Art. 29. was passed with the suppression of the words "by and with the advice of the Privy Council".

Art. 30th was referred to the Committee.

Art. 31st was passed after suppression of the words "ambassadors."

Art. 32. was suppressed as out of place, due provision for the object contemplated to be made in the Sect. relative to the Ministers.

Art. 33. & 34. were suppressed entirely.

Art. 35. was passed as amended by the Committee.

Between this and art. 36. and additional article referred to the Committee is to be inserted. This said article is to provide for the case of minority of the Heir to the Throne by organizing a regency.

Art. 36, 37 & 38. were passed without modifications.

In art. 39th the words "Privy Council" were suppressed as well as the last clause.

Art. 40. was passed as amended by the Committee.

Art. 41. & 42. were passed without alterations.

The whole of the Sect. II entitled "of the Kubinal Net" was ~~referred to the Committee~~ suppressed.

Adjourned at 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Tolani Palace.
Friday, April 8th at 12. Noon
Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding
M. M. R. C. Wyllie
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 7th inst. were read and approved.

A public notice prepared by the Minister

of Foreign Affairs, and requesting the planters to inform the Minister of the Interior of the number of laborers wanted by them was next read and ordered for publication.

The discussion on the amendments presented by the Committee on Constitution was resumed.

The 3rd Section of the Constitution entitled "of the Privy Council" was then read.

It pleased His Majesty to suggest the suppression of this Section; it being unnecessary, in His opinion, to introduce the Privy Council in the Constitution. His Majesty stated that such a suppression did not in the least involve the suppression of a Council specially and purely advisatory, and whose members were to be appointed by the Sovereign on the recommandation of His Ministers. Sect III was suppressed.

Art. 51. as amended by the Committee was read and passed after suppressing the words "the Chancellor."

Art. 52. & 54. as identified in a single article by the Committee were next read and discussed; the principle of the Ministers adressing their reports to the Sovereign was admitted; and amendment was submitted for the purpose of securing to the measures presented to the Legislature by the Government the right of being first brought up and discussed. This article was referred to the Committee.

Art. 53. was passed as amended by the Committee.

Art 55. was read, discussed and finally referred to the Committee for them to consider the suggestion of His Majesty of the Nobles and Representatives sitting in one Chamber.

Adjourned at 3. P. M. till Thursday next so as to give time to the Committee to report upon the articles so far referred to them.

L. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.
Thursday - April 21st at 12. Noon.
Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding
Messrs R. C. Wyllie
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 8th inst. were read and approved.

The Committee reported on the articles referred to them for further consideration. After discussion and amendment these articles were passed and the general discussion resumed.

Sect v. of the Governors - was suppressed.

On the following section relative to the Legislative power the question of the Nobles and Representatives sitting together was considered and discussed. The members present being of opinion that the adoption of such a plan would be conducive to the expedition of business and would promote a better understanding of the national wants, the whole of this Section and parts of others that would require modifications through the adoption of this plan were referred to the Committee for them to frame the same in accordance with the principle adopted.

Art. 75. & 76. were next discussed; it was agreed that the number of Representatives should be regulated and apportioned according to the population, and one Representative apportioned to every 3.000. inhabitants.

Art. 77. was passed as presented by the Committee and the words "three years" substituted to "one year".

Art. 78. was passed as presented by the Committee, the property qualification for Electors being reduced to $250. or a yearly income of $150. In view of these modifications the vote by ballot was maintained.

Art. 79. & 80. were referred to the Committee.

Art. 81. Of the Judiciary was passed as presented by the Committee.

Art. 82., 83. & 84. were passed after amendment.

Art. 86. was passed with an amendment providing that in case of impeachment of the Chief Justice he should be tried by a Royal commission appointed by the Sovereign.

Art. 87. to art 98. were either suppressed or incorporated in other articles already passed.

Art. 98. was amended so as to provide for 3. degrees of Royal pardon, and passed.

Art. 99. was, after discussion, referred to the Committee.

Art. 100. was passed. Art. 101. was referred to the Committee.

Art. 102. 103. 104. & 105. were passed without modification.

The question of rights and the duties of the Sovereign in regard to religion was referred to the Committee.

Adjourned at 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Friday, 22d April at 1. P. M.

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
Hon. M. P. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
E. C. Harris
C de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 21st instant were read and approved

Mr. R. C. Wyllie mentioned that the Oldenburg schooner "Hans" now in port was offered for sale and suggested the purchase of the same, after thorough examination, by the Government

for the purpose of using her as a Royal Yacht and, when not wanted as such, to run as a coaster. Mr. Wyllie offered, in case of said purchase and at any time the Government should wish to sell her, to take her himself at the same price as the Government should pay. Under that understanding Mr. Wyllie was authorized to offer the sum of $4.500., in case the report of the surveyors should be satisfactory.

The Committee on Constitution reported upon the articles referred to them and framed in view of the system of the two houses sitting together.

Mr. Hopkins stated that upon this point he differed from his colleagues and considered that this plan, if adopted, should not be, in his opinion, conducive to the dispatch of business, but would rather make the sessions of the Legislature longer and more complicated.

A protracted discussion took place upon this question and it was suggested that a copy of the Constitution, as remodelled, should be left with Mr. Hopkins for him to read and consider, and make known his views upon the modifications at the next meeting of the Cabinet. This suggestion was approved and acted upon.

Adjourned at ½ past 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.

Thursday, April 28. at 12. Noon.

Present:

His Majesty the King, Presiding.

Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie

C. C. Harris

C. De Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 22d inst. were read and approved.

Mr: Wyllie stated that the report received from the surveyors on the schooner "Hans" not being satisfactory, the said schooner had not been purchased.

The Attorney General said that Mr: Hopkins was sick and unable to attend the Council and reported upon the views entertained by the Minister of the Interior.

Mr: De Varigny represented that the present divergence of opinion between Mr: Hopkins and the other Members of the Government rested upon questions of details and insisted upon the complete harmony of the Cabinet on all questions of principles.

With His Majesty's approval it was agreed to leave the questions of details opened.

It pleased His Majesty to state that it was his wish to issue a Royal Proclamation calling the Nobles and the people, through their Representatives to be elected, to meet Him in Convention on the 7th of July for the purpose of fairly considering and discussing the Constitution and of providing for the expenses of the Government at the present standing rates until a regular appropriation Bill could be submitted to and passed by a Legislature elected under the Constitution as modified by the Convention.

The views of His Majesty were embodied in a Draft of a Proclamation agreed upon

and left with the Sovereign for Him to consider at leisure.

Adjourned at 3. P. M.

L. D. Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Room
Friday, May 6th at 12 Noon.
Present.

His Majesty the King, presiding
Mr. Mr. R. E. Wyllie
L. L. Harris
L. de Varigny.

The Minutes of the Cabinet Council of the 28th of April were read and approved.

It pleased His Majesty to state that Mr. Wyllie had offered the schooner "Hans", purchased by Him, as a Royal Yacht at the same price as paid by Himself, to wit $2.500

Mr. Wyllie stated that being of opinion that a Royal Yacht was necessary to His Majesty he offered to sell the "Hans" to the Government at the price above mentioned and had already taken the necessary steps for such a transfer. Mr. Wyllie added that in case the present Legislature should refuse to approve of the Expense he should take back the schooner and refund the amount into the Treasury.

Mr. Wyllie in conformity with his proposal moved the following resolution:

Resolved: That having heard the explanations of His Majesty the King and of the Ministers of foreign affairs, this Cabinet authorizes the Ministers of Finance to pay to Mr. R. E. Wyllie the sum of $2.500. the same being for the purchase of the schooner "Hans" to be used as a Royal Yacht, under the

understanding that in case the next Legislature should refuse to approve of the aforesaid expense, Mr. R. C. Wyllie undertakes to repay to the Treasury the amount in his hands paid by the Minister of finance and to resume the ownership of the said Schooner "Hans".

(approved)

Mr. C. C. Harris moved the following Resolution:

Resolved: That the expenses of His Majesty's progress, the same being for the public good, should be borne by the Treasury and therefore His Majesty's Chamberlain is authorized to draw on the Minister of Finance for the said expenses and the Minister of finance is authorized to pay the said drafts upon the responsibility of all the Cabinet.

(Approved)

The last question of the Royal Proclamation calling for a Convention to meet in Honolulu on the 7th of July next was taken up and after discussion it was agreed to send the same for publication.

It pleased His Majesty to request the advice of His Council on the question of the grant of the title of Prince to His father and of a dotation to accompany the same.

The Cabinet was unanimously of opinion that the title should be restored upon H. R. H. Kekuanaoa, but advised His Majesty to leave to the generosity of the Legislature the dotation spoken of.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. C. Harris
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864

Cabinet Council at Council Room
Wednesday, May 11. at 10. A. M.

Present.

His Majesty the King, presiding
Mr. M. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. De Varigny.

The Attorney General introduced the question of the appointments of the 2d Circuit Judge, Lahaina, and of the 3rd Circuit Judge, Hilo, and advocated the principle of the appointments being recommended by the Cabinet rather than by the Judges of the Supreme Court.

After discussion the Cabinet was of opinion to recommend the following nominations:

A. Fornander, Esqre to be Circuit Judge of the 2d Circuit Court, Lahaina,

G. L. Kenway Esqre to be Circuit Judge of the 3rd Circuit (Hilo)

The Attorney General spoke about the Royal Proclamation and called the attention of the Cabinet on an alleged mistake in the translation; Mr. Harris moved, besides, that the notice issued by the Minister of the Interior for the elections to the Convention be altered.

Mr. Hopkins stated that not having been present at the last Cabinet Council he had not been able to make known his views in regard to the Royal Proclamation; that he agreed with its views except in what related to the providing of ways and means; the Legislature alone, under the present Constitution, having the power of appropriating money. Mr. Hopkins closed his remarks with a motion to strike out of the Proclamation the words he had mentioned

After discussion it pleased His Majesty to agree to this motion supported by the other members of the Cabinet.

Mr. R. C. Wyllie said before His Majesty some dispatches he had received from H. M.'s Commissioner and his replies to the same which were approved.

Mr. D. Varigny suggested that a Committee be appointed by His Majesty to meet and confer with the Committee appointed by the Planter's Society upon the question of labor.

It pleased His Majesty to appoint Messrs. C. G. Hopkins, C. D. Varigny and C. C. Harris as such Committee.

Adjourned at ½ past one.

C. D. Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Room
Monday, May 16. at 12. Noon
Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding
Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. D. Varigny.

Mr. Hopkins mentioned that some uneasiness had been created by the publication of the Royal Proclamation and suggested the propriety of calling the Legislature so as to remain within the limits prescribed by the present Constitution.

Mr. D. Varigny was of opinion that the Legislature had to be convened before the 23d of August next to pass a regular appropriation Bill and supported the views of the Minister of the Interior.

Mr. Wyllie agreed with these views opinions.

The Attorney General D.D not entertain the same opinion.

His Majesty objected to calling now for the Legislature upon the ground that such a call so soon after the Royal Proclamation would complicate the difficulty in the mind of the people. He pleased His Majesty to state however that on or about the 20th of July the Legislature should be called to meet before the 29. of August so as to remain within the limits prescribed by the Constitution.

This declaration of the King closed the discussion.

Mr. D. Varigny suggested the publication of an article explaining the main points of amendments and calling the attention of the public upon the same. This suggestion was approved and Mr. Harris undertook to prepare the article.

A notice was drawn up and signed by His Majesty appointing H. R. H. the Princess Victoria to preside over the Cabinet Council during the King's absence and also over the Privy Council during said absence and during the illness of the Kuhina Nui.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. D. Varigny

Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Rooms.

Monday, May 23rd at 11. A. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding.

Mr. Mc. C. J. Hopkins

C. C. Harris

C. D. Varigny.

The items of the appropriation Bill were discussed separately and some of them reserved for further action

Adjourned at 3. P. M.

C. D. Varigny

Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864

Cabinet Council at Council Rooms

Tuesday May 24th at 12 Noon

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding

Mr. Mc. C. J. Hopkins

C. C. Harris

C. de Varigny

A Dispatch from the U S Minister Resident applying to the Government for recognition of Mr. J. L. Barnard as his "Sound Timers" during his absence, was submitted. And the understanding that Mr. Mc. Bride was not going to leave the Kingdom the notice prepared by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in accordance with the wish of the U. S Minister Resident was approved

The discussion of the appropriation Bill was resumed

The Minister of Finance called the attention of His Majesty and the Cabinet on the decrease of the receipts from the Post Office. The Minister of the Interior suggested that Mr. Vandenburg should be appointed clerk of the Postmaster General

which suggestion was approved of.

The application of Mr. McLennan for his commission on the sale of the Government lands at Niihau was next considered of and reduced to 2½% of the amount

Adjourned at ½ past two.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Room
Wednesday June 8. at 11. A. M.

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

His Majesty suggested to postpone the meeting of the Convention till the 14. of July, so as to have more time to devote to His visit to the Islands of Maui and Hawaii, it being His intention to start this same evening

Mr. Hopkins recommended that no postponement should take place; so did Mr. de Varigny on the ground that the postponement of the Convention would adjourn the meeting of the Legislature and consequently the passage of the appropriation Bill. Mr. Wyllie suggested that the Sovereign should limit His visit to the Island of Maui

His Majesty, being of opinion that with proper diligence He might visit both Islands, stated that His return would take place on or about the 25th instant.

Mr. de Varigny submitted to the King the list of tax Assessors for the present year, which list it pleased His Majesty to approve of.

On recommendation of His Cabinet, His Majesty authorized the Minister of Finance

to strike out from of the Appropriation Bill the salary to be asked for a Military Instructor.

Mr. de Varigny called the attention of His Majesty on the vacancies at present existing in the Board of Public Instruction and suggested that they should be filled up so as to make this Department fully efficient. This suggestion was endorsed by all the members of the Cabinet.

It pleased His Majesty the King to appoint provisionally Messrs. C. J. Hopkins and C. de Varigny, members of the said Board.

Adjourned at ½ past two. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary
of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Rooms
Thursday June 30th at 12. Noon

Present:

His Majesty the King presiding
Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny

His Majesty stated that the object of the meeting was to ascertain the views of the Cabinet upon the two following questions, which, in His opinion, ought to be agreed upon before the meeting of the Convention near at hand.

1° Has the Sovereign a right to call a Convention?

2° Has that Convention a right to enact a new Constitution?

After discussion upon the 2d question, the first being answered affirmatively, Messrs Wyllie, Harris and de Varigny stated that if the Convention chose to assume the power of enacting a

new Constitution and if it was passed by the two Estates under the understanding that it was to be the organic Law of the land, and, as such, signed by the King, there could be no doubt that it would be the Constitution of the Kingdom

Mr Hopkins declined to give a definitive opinion upon these two questions.

His Majesty next proposed the following question.

Is the draft agreed upon to be proposed as a new Constitution, or in the shape of amendments to the present Constitution?

Mr Wyllie was of opinion to leave this question to be settled by the Convention itself

Mr de Varigny stated that, in his opinion, such course would be impracticable and that the Cabinet ought to be prepared for the discussion and act in concert. He had always understood that the articles would be submitted to the Convention, as amendments, to be discussed and amended where necessary.

Mr Hopkins agreed with the last part of Mr de Varigny's statement

Mr Harris was of opinion that this was altogether a new Constitution not to be treated as amendments to the present one. He, however, advised His Majesty to take the advice of his colleagues in preference to his own, he, having no legal status in the House of Nobles

His Majesty requested the members of His Cabinet to prepare separately a draft of a Royal Speech for the opening of the Convention, the same to be read and discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourned at 3.. P.M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Rooms -
Friday July 1st at 12. Noon
Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
Hon. the A. G. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

By His Majesty's commands Mr de Varigny submitted to the Cabinet his draft of the Royal Speech for the opening of the Convention. The views embodied in the same were thoroughly discussed and the question of the oath of the Sovereign to the present Constitution different opinions were advanced by the Members of the Cabinet. It was finally resolved that the Attorney General should write to the Judges of the Supreme Court and take their opinion in writing upon that question

It pleased His Majesty to state that He would consider the views of the Cabinet and prepare the Royal Speech

The mode of opening the Convention was next discussed and the programme of the ceremony agreed upon.

The Minister of Finance called His Majesty's attention upon and application from Mr J. S. in regard to the continuation of his salary. The Cabinet was of opinion that it being a temporary provision payment of it ought to be stopped on the 1st of April and resumed only when reappropriated by the Legislature.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Room
Monday July 4th at 12. Noon
Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding
Hr. Hon. R. E. Wyllie
E. J. Hopkins
E. E. Harris
E. de Varigny.

Mr. R. E. Wyllie read his draft of a Royal Speech for the opening of the Convention.

The question of the right of the Ministers to seat in the Convention was next discussed. His Majesty expressed his opinion that such of the Ministers as were not Nobles by patent could not sit there except as specially appointed to speak for Him, by His authority and in His presence, but that they ought not to vote.

After settling the details of the Convention such as the officers to be appointed &c. His Majesty clearly stated His views in regard to the points to be asserted in His speech and to the course to be pursued by the Cabinet in the Convention, reiterating his opinion that the draft submitted to the Convention was not to be treated as amendments to the present Constitution but as a new Constitution to be agreed upon and enacted by the three Constituting powers of the Realm.

Mr. E. J. Hopkins stated that these views being diametrically opposed to those he had entertained and supported, he could no longer remain in the Cabinet and begged respectfully His Majesty to accept his resignation.

Adjourned at ½ past 2.

E. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Rooms
Tuesday July 5th at 11. A. M.
Present:

H. M. the King - presiding
Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny

The Attorney General stated that pursuant to instructions he had written to the Judges of the Supreme Court and had received their replies; one of them, Mr. Robertson, considers the 9th. art. as binding on His Majesty, the 2d Mr. Davis, does not consider it so. The Attorney General being requested to give his opinion stated that he considered the 9th. art. as politically binding, although legally it was not so from the text of the same. His Majesty assumed his interpretation to be right, the same being corroborated by Mr. Davis, and the Attorney General to a certain extent.

Adjourned at ½ past 12.
C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Sunday, July 10. at 11. A. M.
Present

His Majesty the King - presiding -
Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

Mr. de Varigny stated that, in his opinion, the first question raised by the delegates would be that of their powers

and that some would express doubts about the extent of their powers which others would deny having any

Mr Harris was of opinion not to raise that question and to insist upon proceeding with the business "If we discuss suspicion we shall gain our end, but if we do open proceedings by asking the Convention to declare itself competent the thing will come to a close"

His Majesty was of opinion that a motion be made that the Convention has powers to consult on the revision of the Constitution

Mr Wyllie of opinion to settle the question of the powers before submitting the amendments

After Discussion it was agreed to proceed with the business without raising the question of the powers.

Adjourned at 2 P.M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of
the Cabinet

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Sunday July 17th at 10 A.M.
Present.

His Majesty the King. Presiding
Mr. W. L. Green
C. J. Hopkins
C. de Varigny
C. C. Harris
J. M. Robertson

The Minister of the Interior submitted an application from Messrs Brayboard and Meanu

Mr C. de Varigny moved the following Resolution.

Resolved. That this Council authorizes and directs the Minister of the

Interior to ascertain from Mr. P. L. Green part owner of the steamer Kilauea if he is willing to concede to Messrs Brigham & Mearns a right of free passage on board said steamer, adding that His Majesty's Government are willing, for their part, so to do, for the purpose of affording these gentlemen such assistance as they can towards helping and promoting their scientific explorations. (Approved)

The Elective franchise was next discussed; and motion of G. M. Robertson it was agreed to insert the limitation in the Constitution.

His Majesty submitted to the consideration of the Cabinet the question of the powers of the Privy Council.

Mr G. M. Robertson submitted the text of the article referring to the Privy Council; the same was adopted.

His Majesty submitted the following question: Are the Nobles and the Representatives to sit in the Legislature by inherent right or are the two Houses to sit by virtue of the Constitution?

Messrs De Varigny, Robertson and Harris were of opinion that the doctrine of inherent rights was sound; that the same had already been asserted and proclaimed by His Majesty and His Ministers in the Convention and was the basis upon which they stood during the last discussion

Mr G. M. Robertson submitted two articles so framed by him. Approved

Mr G. M. Robertson suggested and annual session of the Legislature objected to on the ground that according to the Constitution an extra session may be called when necessary.

Adjourned at 1 P. M.

C. De Varigny
Hon. Secy of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at the Court House
Monday - July 25th 1864. at 4. P.M.

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
Mr. the R. C. Wyllie
C. de Varigny
C. C. Harris

Messrs de Varigny and Harris, Committee on printing, called the attention of His Majesty upon the expenses incurred for the printing of the Convention Records.

It pleased His Majesty, considering the importance of these records to instruct the Committee to continue the publication and to increase by the amount thus spent the appropriation for public printing to be asked from the next Legislature.

It pleased His Majesty to direct Mr. C. de Varigny to act as Minister of the Interior during the temporary absence of Mr. Hopkins

On the question of new elections in Kona and N. Kohala the Cabinet was divided, Messrs Wyllie and de Varigny in favor of ordering them, Mr. Harris against it.

Adjourned at ½ past 4 P.M.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Rooms
Thursday, August 11. at 1. P.M.

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
H.R.H. the Kuhina Nui
Mr. the R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny
J. Ii
G. P. Judd
G. M. Robertson

The meeting took place after the adjournment of the Convention till 11 A.M.

to morrow, said adjournment being for the purpose of considering what could be done in regard to the property qualification for voters.

His Majesty stated that the delegates having rejected the 62. article of the proposed constitution, one of the most important in his opinion, he had called the Cabinet for the purpose of consultation, especially upon the idea formerly suggested by Judge Roberts of the two Houses and the Ministers sitting together

The Hon. J. Mc. Robertson gave it as his opinion that he was doubtful about the Convention adopting this plan, but that it might induce them to accept the 62. article

Mr. Hopkins excused himself, having to attend a meeting of the Board of Health.

His Majesty stated that he would be compelled either to refuse to sign or to grant a new Constitution.

Mr. Harris suggested to proceed with the remaining articles in the Convention and reserve the discussion of the 62.

Mr. DeSaigny requested the Hon. J. Mc. Robertson to draw up an article embodying his idea, so as to give a practical ground for discussion; opposed the idea of proclaiming a new Constitution, the Ministers having taken an oath to the present one, although His Majesty had not.

On motion of Mr. Wylie it was Resolved. that Messrs Robertson and Harris draw up a project of article embodying their views as approved by the King.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Friday, 12. August at 9. A. M.
Present.

His Majesty the King presiding
H. R. H. the Kuhina Nui.
Mr. M. P. C. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
C. De Varigny
C. C. Harris
J. M. Robertson.

The Hon. J. M. Robertson presented the report of the Committee appointed yesterday. Said report was adopted.

Mr. De Varigny stated that he had received a request from the Trustees of Punahou College asking that the Treasury should not redeem the $1500 notes of endowment for Scholarships, but should renew it for 5. or 10. years.

On motion of Mr. De Varigny it was agreed to renew for 5. years.

Adjourned at ½. past 10. A. M.

1864

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Monday, August 15. at 1 P. M.
Present.

His Majesty the King presiding
Mr. M. P. C. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. De Varigny
J. M. Robertson.

This meeting took place after the prorogation by the King, on the 13th of the Convention, and for the purpose of discussing and framing the new Constitution promised by His Majesty, that of 1852. having been annulled on the 13th instant, as per Royal Speech and Proclamation.

The articles of the Constitution submitted to the Convention were discussed seriatim and several modifications introduced. After passing 29 articles the meeting was adjourned at 5. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday August 16. at 1. P. M.

Present:
His Majesty the King - presiding
H H R H Kuhina Nui
Messrs R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. de Varigny
J. M. Robertson

The discussion was resumed and art. 29-40. passed.

The Attorney General raised the question of the payment of the salaries. Messrs de Varigny and Hopkins were of opinion not to pay until authority be given by the Legislature. A vote was taken on the motion of the Attorney General

Ayes: Kuhina Nui
C. C. Harris
R. C. Wyllie

Noes. C. de Varigny
C. G. Hopkins.

The motion was carried and payments ordered to be made

Articles 41. to 61. were next discussed and passed with some amendments.

Adjourned at 5. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace

Wednesday August 17th at 12. Noon

Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding

H. R. H. Kekuanaoa Esq

Messrs R. C. Wyllie

C. J. Hopkins

C. de Varigny

C. C. Harris

J. Mc. Robertson.

The discussion was resumed on the articles of the Constitution; passed 62. 76. Mr de Varigny moves to insert in art. 77. that "no Minister of any religious denomination "be eligible to the Assembly, or hold official appointment." Lost. Articles 77 - 80. passed

Meeting adjourned at 4. P. M.

C. de Varigny

~~Hon. Secretary~~ of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace

Thursday August 18. at 10. A. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding

Messrs. R. C. Wyllie

C. J. Hopkins

C. C. Harris

C. de Varigny.

The Cabinet discussed the text of a Royal Proclamation promulgating the new Constitution and convening the Legislative Assembly for the 15th day of October next. The details of the ceremony of the promulgation were agreed upon.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. de Varigny

~~Hon. Secretary~~ of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday, August 23d at 11 A. M.
Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
The Hon. R. C. Wyllie
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny

His Majesty expressed a desire to have a report on the Order of merit, and appointed Messrs R. C. Wyllie and C. de Varigny as a special committee

The Cabinet discussed the propriety of a provision for Queen Emma.

Taking into consideration the decision of the Supreme Court on the right of Dower of Her Majesty, of one third on the Crown lands, it was agreed to propose to the next legislative Assembly a law declaring the Crown Lands inalienable in future and enacting a settlement on Her Majesty in lieu of her right of Dower.

Adjourned at 1. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Honorary Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864

Cabinet Council at Council Room
Wednesday, August 24 at 11 A M
Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
The Hon. R. C. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
C. de Varigny
C. C. Harris

The Cabinet discussed the question of a Government newspaper. Mr. Hopkins declared himself against that measure, in favor of which the other members of the Cabinet recorded their votes. The Minister of the Interior was instructed to start a

Government weekly paper in English and native

Mr. Widemann's and Mr. Knudsen's claim for commission on the sale of Government lands at Nihau was next considered. Agreed to settle Mr. Knudsen's claim separately and not to increase the commission of Mr. Widemann above the 2½ % previously agreed upon.

Adjourned at 1. P.M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Wednesday, September 14. at 12. Noon.

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
Hon. Mr. C. C. Hyde
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

Mr. de Varigny submitted to His Majesty and the Cabinet the financial Report to the Legislature and his draft of a Bill of Appropriation

The Attorney General suggested the propriety of placing the Police under his own orders Adjourned the discussion of this question.

A discussion took place on the list of free goods. Mr. de Varigny advocated the admission of all machinery duty free Mr. Hyde endorsed the same view, opposed by Messrs. Harris and Hopkins. Agreed to leave it an opened question in the Assembly.

Mr. Hopkins moved the following Resolution.

Resolved: That the Minister of Interior calls a meeting of the Hawaiian S. Navigation Company and be advised to note that the whole property and privileges of the H. S. N. Company be advertised for sale at auction

within a delay of three weeks from date to the highest bidder for cash - Carried -

The question of the leprosy was next taken up and the Minister of the Interior instructed to report on a land at Molokai

In regard to the permanent settlement it was agreed not to insert it in the appropriation Bill but to make it the object of a special Bill

Adjourned at 4 P.M.

C. de Varigny
Hon Secretary of the Cabinet

1864

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Friday, September 16th at 12. Noon
Present

His Majesty the King - presiding
Mr. Hon. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. de Varigny
C. C. Harris.

Mr. de Varigny submitted the list of Acts agreed upon and to be drafted

Mr. Wyllie stated that he had been advised that Mr. Julick had been addressing the Electors of Kaw and urged upon them to refuse to vote for a Representative. Mr. Wyllie said it was his opinion to repress immediately and advised steps to be taken against Mr. Julick.

Messrs. Hopkins, de Varigny and Harris were of opinion that Mr. Julick was acting foolishly but that so long as he did not advise active hostility against the Government, it was better not to interfere.

The Minister of the Interior submitted the following applications: to lease 300. acres of land in Onaeha at 20. cents an acre a year, rejected - to purchase a fish pond in Lahaina for $50 - rejected - From C. S

Andrews for an extension of a lease of 3.000. acres in Mokuleia at $100. a year. Refused on the ground that the land has 11 years more to run.

Adjourned at ½ past 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Monday, September 19. at 12. Noon.

Present.

His Majesty the King presiding
Hon. M. M. L. C. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny

The Minister of the Interior reports that he has had an interview with Mr. W. L. Green and states his offer in regard to the Steamer Kilauea. Mr. Green's plan is rejected and the Cabinet agree to maintain the previous Resolution

The Cabinet proceeds to consider the question of the Board of Public Instruction and the general policy to be pursued by the Board in regard to English Schools and the maintainance of the same. His Majesty notifies his intention to call a meeting of the Privy Council upon this same question.

After discussion of the mode of an appropriation for H. R. H. Mr. Kekuanaoa the meeting adjourned at ½ past 3

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday September 20. at 12. Noon
Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
H. E. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The Minister of the Interior submitted a communication from Messrs Janion Green & Co. in regard to the steamer Kilauea. After discussion of the same it was

Resolved: That the Minister of the Interior be hereby authorized to inform Messrs Janion, Green & Co. that the delay, applied for by them in their letter of this day, till the 23rd instant be conceded

After discussion of Sanitary measures, the question of a municipal government for the city of Honolulu was raised. Messrs Wyllie and Hopkins in favor of it, Mr. de Varigny against it. The question was postponed

Communication was given by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of his dispatches to Mr. J. Whittal, Consul General in Hongkong & Macao

After discussion and modification of these, the Cabinet adjourned at ½ past 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Friday, September 23 at 3. P. M.
Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
H. H. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. de Varigny
C. C. Harris.

The Attorney General stated that he

base for said a lot of land belonging to H. M. H. Princess Victoria, adjoining the Palace, and enquired if the Government was willing to purchase

On motion of Mr. de Varigny the Cabinet adjourned to take the question in consideration.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday, September 27. at 12. Noon.

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
C. C. Mc. C. C. Lee
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs submitted notices relating to monies deposited at Guam and belonging to relatives of sailors deceased there, also to the receipt of $39. sent from Vancouver and belonging to the heirs of a native seaman Approved.

Mr. Hopkins stated how matters stood in regard to the steamer and proposed the following resolution

Resolved: That full powers be given to the Minister of the Interior to concert with Messrs Janion, Green & Co in regard to the Steamer "Kilauea", to continue to run her, to reduce her stock value, to make her a part of the stock of ~~the~~ a joint stock company under the Charter of 1862, with the full understanding that the Government accepts of this new plan as an experiment and that the Minister of the Interior reports to the Cabinet as soon as possible upon the steps taken by him, under this Resolution, and the results thereof.

Agreed.

After discussion on the Sanitary measures and the Bills prepared to that effect, the meeting adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday, October 11th at 12. Noon
Present:
His Majesty the King presiding.
Hon. M. C. C. Wyllie,
C. G. Hopkins
C. de Varigny
C. C. Harris.

Messrs C. de Varigny and C. C. Harris submitted their Draft of a Royal Speech for the opening of the Legislative Assembly.
After Discussion and amendments the text of a Speech was agreed upon and referred for translation to Mr. C. G. Hopkins.
Adjourned at 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secretary of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Monday, October 24. at 1. P. M.
Present:
His Majesty the King presiding
Hon. M. C. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. de Varigny
C. C. Harris.

The right of Hon. J. S. to sit in the Legislative Assembly as one of the Nobles was questioned by the King. Question referred to the Attorney General. The Bills to be presented were received

Adjourned at 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secy of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Council Rooms
Wednesday, November 9th at 1. P. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding
Mr. Min. C. K. Hopkins
C. de Varigny
R. C. Wyllie.

The Bill of a permanent settlement in favor of H. H. Mr. Kekuanaoa was examined and agreed upon.

Mr. Harris mentioned that the Hon. A. Fornander having been appointed Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction the office of Circuit Judge at Lahaina was vacant. On motion Mr. Kahalewai was appointed as such.

After discussion it was agreed to propose to the Legislative Assembly the suppression of the Circuit Judges on Oahu and to create one intermediate Judge.

On the question of the salary of the 2d Associate Justice of the Supreme Court it was agreed that the Cabinet should adhere to the figure inserted in the project of an appropriation Bill and voted for $ 3.000.

A question relative to French Naturalisations, raised by Mr. Dewey, was referred for report to the Attorney General.

Adjourned at 4. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secy of the Cabinet.

1864.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Thursday, November 17th at 11. A.M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding
Mr. Min. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

On motion of Mr. de Varigny it was agreed to propose to the Legislative Assembly a modification to Sect 443. of Civil Code to discourage the desertion of natives on whalers ships

The Attorney General returned to Mr Wyllie as Secretary at War, the Military Bill

After discussion on the Crown lands it was agreed that the Attorney General be requested to present two bills, one to guarantee by the Treasury the payment of the balance of liabilities on the same, the 2d to render the said lands realizable

Adjourned at 3 P.M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Secy of the Cabinet.

1864

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.
Monday - 21st November at 12

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
Mr. Min. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C de Varigny
C. C. Harris

The Minister of the Interior submitted a Bill in regard to Public Instruction This Bill was read section by section, it was referred to the Attorney

General for revision, the principal points being agreed to by the Cabinet.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

L. de Varigny
Hon. Secy of the Cabinet

1865

Cabinet Council at Tolani Palace

Monday, January 2d at 12. Noon

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
Ms. Mc. R. C. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
L. de Varigny
C. C. Harris

It pleased His Majesty the King to appoint Messrs C. J. Hopkins & L. de Varigny as a Committee to prepare the Draft of an address to prorogue the Legislature

It further pleased His Majesty to sign the Bills passed by the Legislative Assembly and laid before Him

Adjourned at ½ past 1. P. M.

L. de Varigny
Hon. Secy of the Cabinet

1865.

Cabinet Council at Tolani Palace

Thursday, January 12. at 12. Noon

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding.
Ms. Mc. R. C. Wyllie
C. J. Hopkins
L. de Varigny
C. C. Harris.

The Cabinet was called to consider and discuss the question of the Government Revenue and His Majesty expressed his wish to see an English paper started. The Minister of the Interior was of opinion

That such a paper would not succeed. After discussion it was agreed to start such a paper, Mr. Blake to be the publisher and the paper to be under the joint control of the Cabinet. Mr. C. De Varigny then submitted a notice to be published to-morrow. The same was approved of.

The question of the vacancies in the Judiciary was next taken up. Mr. Kahalewai was appointed for Lahaina. His Majesty suggested H. Kahanui for Kauai. The Members of the Cabinet respectfully disagreed and the question was left pending.

Adjourned at 3 P. M.

C. C. De Varigny
Hon. Secy of the Cabinet

1865

Cabinet Council at Council Room.
Friday, January 13th at 12. Noon.
Present:
His Majesty the King - presiding.
Mr. M. C. C. Wyllie.
C. J. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. C. De Varigny.

The Minister of the Interior submitted several applications relating to Govt lands.

Mr. C. De Varigny called the attention of the Cabinet on the necessity of protecting the forests and the rapid destruction of the same for fuel for the plantations.

The applications submitted were disposed of as follows:

Lease of Waimano, Ewa - granted to F. Sutton for $150 a year.

Land in dispute between Keliikoolani and the Govt - postponed.

Application from W. G. Gibson for lands on Lanai. The Minister of the Interior instructed to state in reply that he was informed by the Attorney General that a petition had been received against him from parties associated with him for the purchase and cultivation of lands on Lanai

Abee's application for lease of Kanaha, Lanai - granted

Hitchcock and Smith's application for purchase of the lot where their store stands - rejected

Hitchcock and Rogers application for land on Molokai - Referred to the Minister of the Interior.

Application of Julia Moanalia for purchase of one undivided half of the land she owns Referred to the Minister of the Interior.

Application from Cantrell for land at Hokukano, Hawaii - Postponed till visited by the Minister.

Application from Bobbe for lease of the old Custom House lot in Lahaina - granted under condition he builds on the lot.

Application from Kipipo & Kaeo for land in Kailua, Oahu. Handed over to the Attorney Gen'l to report.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. C. Harris
Sec'y of the Cabinet.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.
Friday, February 3rd at 12. Noon
Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding.
Hon. M. C. Wyllie
C. C. Harris
C. C. Harris.

The meeting was held in relation to Treaties with Spain and Italy.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs submitted the official opinion of the Attorney General on the said Treaties and on the points on which the said Treaties did conflict with the Laws of the Kingdom.

After discussion it was agreed to request the Minister of Foreign Affairs to frame and submit his instructions to Sir J. Bowring according to said Report.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. C. Harris
Hon. Secy of the Cabinet.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Monday March 20. at 12. Noon.
Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
Hon. M. C. Wyllie
C. C. Harris
C. C. Harris
C. C. Harris

The Minister of the Interior, as President of the Board of Health, laid before the Cabinet a request from said Board to be authorized to employ and pay a Secretary at the rate of $600. a year.

After discussion the Cabinet autho-

ried the Board of Health to appoint Mr. J. C. Heuck as Directing Agent and Secretary at a salary of $600. a year.

The Minister of the Interior, as President of the Bureau of Immigration reported on the steps taken by said Bureau, which were approved.

The Attorney General called the attention of the Cabinet on the resignation of Mr. H. Widemann as Circuit Judge of Kauai. The names of Messrs Mr. Bride, Rhodes, Gunby, were suggested. His Majesty requested some Days to consider.

Adjourned at 3. P. M.

C. C. Harris
Hon. Sec. of the Cabinet.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Thursday. March 23. at 12. Noon
Present:
His Majesty the King - presiding
Hon. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

The Minister of the Interior submitted the following applications:

From Messrs J. Mc. Smith & Hitchcock for renewal of their lease for 20 years or purchase of the lot on which their store stands. The Cabinet agree to renew the lease for 50 years at $100. a year, the improvements to revert to the Govt.

From H. Spencer for lease of a piece of land in Kohala 323. acres at $0. 12½ cts and acre - Rejected.

From H. Cayer in Kaihua, for purchase of a strip of land to complete his boundary, at $1. an acre - Rejected.

From Kahaaku for purchase of a taro patch at Kawili for $25. Postponed for further information.

From Gibson for purchase of 4 lands in Lanai. Rejected.

From several natives to lease Kamoku and other lands on Lanai. Referred to Gov. Kahaolelua for information.

From Kauai for lease of Hanakapaiai at $100. a year. The Minister is authorized to lease on those terms for one year with privilege of 4 more.

From Kuuana and Mahoe for mountain land at Waioli, Kauai. Left to the discretion of the Minister.

From Waiaho for 50. acres of land in N. Kona at $0.75. Agreed at $1.50. an acre.

From Judd & Wilder New assignments having intervened between the parties since this application, it was laid on the table.

From C. Brewer & Co as Agents of Waiakea plantation for wood land of Keopuka. Rejected.

From D. Montgomery for lease of Honouka, Kona, Hawaii; rejected.

From Kaopua for lease of Papa 2d. on Hawaii for 10. years. Postponed for further information.

From Kapoikai for 100. acres of land in Maui at 25¢ per acre. Postponed for further information.

From Martin to lease a fish pond in Kau, Hawaii. The same to be first offered to the party who has charge of it.

From Martin for lease of Konaa in Kau, Hawaii. Postponed.

From. Rev. Parker in Honolulu, for a piece of land situated in the middle

of his own land. Granted. The grant to be signed by the Minister of the Interior.

Hon. Mr. Pearnell for lease of 1000 acres in Kau. Postponed.

Adjourned at 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Sec. of the Cabinet.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Tuesday, April 4th at 12. Noon
Present:
His Majesty the King presiding
Hon. R. C. Wyllie
C. de Varigny.

On motion of Hon. R. C. Wyllie His Majesty approved of the appointment of Major Hassocher, as his Consul in Berlin, of Mr. Reed as his Consul General in Iedo.

Mr. R. C. Wyllie submitted the ratified Treaties with Belgium and Holland. They were ordered for translation.

Mr. Wyllie submitted the draft of a Dispatch to Sir J. Bowring referring to the ratifications of Treaties with Spain and Italy to be declined only under certain restrictions as part previous Resolutions. Approved of.

Mr. Wyllie submitted Dispatches from the French Commissioner. They were referred to the Attorney General.

The Attorney General mentioned the fact that a certain amount was due to Mr. R. C. Wyllie for uniforms. Agreed that the account be made up by the War Department and submitted to the Cabinet.

Adjourned at 2. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Sec. of the Cabinet.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Tolani Palace
Monday April 10. at 12. Noon.
Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding
Hon. Mr. R. C. Wyllie
C. G. Hopkins
C. De Varigny
C. C. Harris.

On application of the Minister of the Interior it was moved by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. De Varigny

That this Council recommend to His Majesty to commute the punishment of Mr. H. Sheldon, now in the Penitentiary on his paying to the Minister of the Interior the sum of —— dollars; the blank to be filled up at the meeting of the Privy Council.

On application of Mr. R. C. Wyllie and in his absence it was moved by Mr. De Varigny

That this Council, after considering the question of the advances made by the Minister of War to the War Department agree to recommend to the Minister of Finance to insert the original amount of said advances (reserving the amount of interest, to be acted upon by the Legislature), in the next appropriation Bill to be submitted, in the name of the Government, to the Legislative Assembly. (approved)

His Majesty stated that the English man of war "Clio" had arrived for the purpose of conveying Her Majesty Queen Emma to Panama. That the Queen's trip had no political character whatever; that he had supposed the Queen to be provided with sufficient funds, but found now that

such was not the case.

Mr. Hopkins stated, that it being decided that he was to accompany the Queen, he resigned his office, but stated that nothing but a sense of duty compelled him to go.

It was

Resolved: That the Minister of Finance advance to Her Majesty Queen Emma the sum of $ 6.000. on account of Her annuity, should Her Majesty so desire.

Resolved: That the Members of the Cabinet individually and collectively will indemnify the Minister of Finance against any responsibility he may incur by reason of any advance he may make to Queen Emma, under the first Resolution.

approved.

Adjourned at 3. P. M.

C. de Varigny
Hon. Sec'y of the Cabinet.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace.
Friday, April 28th at 12. Noon
Present:
His Majesty the King - presiding
Hon. M. C. C. Wyllie
" C. G. Hopkins
" C. de Varigny
" C. C. Harris.

On motion of Mr. Harris it was Resolved: That inasmuch as His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia has been pleased to cause to be presented to His Majesty the King a portrait of himself and it has been suggested that a present of the portrait to His Majesty would be acceptable, this

Council recommends that His Majesty requests Capt. Inquist of H.M.S. "Pique" to present the portrait recently painted to His Majesty the Emperor of Russia.

Mr. R. E. Wyllie submitted a letter from the Manager of the Bank of British Columbia relating to the establishment of a Branch of their Bank here. Referred for report to the Ministers of Finance and the Attorney General.

His Majesty communicated a letter from D. Young, head of the Mormon Church, in relation to Mr. Hammond, Mormon Missionary.

It was agreed to notify Mr. Hammond that he could not be allowed to act in that capacity.

His Majesty informed the Cabinet of His intention to appoint H. M. Watkinson, Minister of the Interior, vice E. G. Hopkins, resigned

Adjourned at 5. P.M.

C. B. Pemberton
Hon. Secy of the Cabinet.

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1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Thursday, May 25 at 12. Noon.
Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding -
Mr. Mc C. C. Wyllie
F. W. Hutchison
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

Mr. C. C. Wyllie communicated a dispatch from Mr. Mearten of the March 6th 1865 and Mr. Wyllie's reply of 17th inst. together with Mr. Wyllie's letter to Sir J. Bowring of 18th of May, relating to the Nadal case -

Mr. Wyllie communicated Mr. Bonnyer's dispatches of 7. March and letter of 7th of May, together with his reply of same date, relating to the law of 2 Jany 1865 on the construction of Statutes where the English and Hawaiian versions do not agree - Mr. W submitted his Draft of Reply - Mr. C. V. approved of it on the main, objected to the allusions to Messrs Dillon & Perrin - Reply to be amended and submitted again -

Letter from Sir J. Bowring relating to the appropriation of $3.000 by the last Legislative Assembly, stating that after that payment he would continue to serve without further stipulations. + Treaty with Switzerland referred to the Atty Gl.

+ Communicated to Mr. Wyllie on 11th June 1865 by Mr. Wyllie's letter of that date.

His Majesty agrees to enlarge the jurisdiction of U.S.A. Piece to include the N.E. New England States with power to appoint Vice Consuls wherever necessary under our new laws.

Question of the political status of Sir J. Bowring in view of the refusal of the English Govt to recognize Sir J. as the Hawaiian Minister.

The Min. of Interior to take charge of the Finances during Mr. de Varigny's absence on Maui & Hawaii.

Adjourned, till Monday next at 11 A.M. at Iolani.

June 5th 1865

Present His Majesty - Messrs Wyllie, Hutchinson and Hanna -

Petitions from Kekua - and Kalawaia through Dr Lyman - Land Agent at Hilo - for 1000 acres of land Kalawaia - in Kau - for 5 yrs at per annum $30.00 per year - The Minister was advised that it was worth more - might offer it for 50 or 60 dollars per year - no wood to be cut

- Kalepani offers to buy a piece of land in Laupahoehoe such but $40.00 - so likewise an offer for 1000 for a piece in Kau for Kaawa.

Minister advised not to sell -

Dr Coney petitions renewal for a lease of premises occupied by him in Hilo - Minister advised to let the upper half - for 5 yrs at 50.00 per year building and structures to remain -

Mr Wyllie introduced the despatch of Mr Mason dated April 6th 1865 - advising that French Ministry of Foreign Relations by a despatch dated March 31st 1865 - which Mr Wyllie likewise introduced - did not see fit to refer the matter of the estate of Rose Nadal deceased - to the Supreme - but would refer it back to the French Agents here in hope that His Majesty the King might see fit to make some considera-

to Bentinck Duncipal — based on the idea
that His Majesty had received an intimation

(Next Meeting
Wyllie will preside)

Mr Wyllie continued reading his Comments
Cattens from Sir J. B. and to the French
Commissioners and His Majesty's Principal Agents
in Persia

1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace

Wednesday June 28. at 12. Noon

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding

Mr. Mr. R. C. Wyllie

F. W. Hutchison

C. de Varigny

Mr R. C. Wyllie communicated to the Cabinet his dispatch to Chr J. Stevens in relation to the award in the Hood case. After discussion it appeared that Mr Severyens had not communicated officially to the Govt. of the decision or proposition of Mr Drouyn de l'Hays.

The Atty Genl mentioned that the bail of $1 500. of Booth was forfeited and proposed that $500. of that amount be invested by the Board of Education the interest to go towards supporting the girl victim of his brutality. Agreed upon on the statement of the Atty Genl in regard to the legality of so doing.

The Minister of the Interior submitted applications for lands small lots of land Resolved that the Minister of the Interior be empowered to settle for applications of parts and parcels of Govt lands and report from time to time to the Cabinet for their approval

Application from Sirker for extension of lease of land in Hamatua for 20. years besides the 5. years it has now to run. Rejected

The Minister of the Interior brought forward the question of the Steam Navigation Co. Commissioned to investigate Council Records, and see Mr. Green and report to the Cabinet as early as possible

Adjourned at 2. P. M. till Friday 10. A. M.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Friday July 7th at 10. A. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King presiding
Hon. M. M. L. C. Wyllie
C. C. Harris
F. W. Hutchison

Communication made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of several letters from Sir J. Bowring, submitted the Swiss Treaty. The following Resolution was submitted by Mr C. C. Harris

Ayes: M C Wyllie
F. W. Hutchison.
C. C. Harris

Noes -

C. C. Harris on the ground that the ratification of said Treaty cannot in his opinion lead to the conclusion of a general political Treaty, which last he considers as impracticable - & refers to the last part of the Resolution.

Mr M. C. Wyllie proposes ~~the following~~ nominations in the Order of Merit.

His Majesty stated that it was his wish to grant this Order only for long & important services.

The Attorney General stated that some U.S. Mormons had arrived. Moved that the Minister of For. Affairs ascertain from the Minister President of U.S. if they are acknowledged by him as American ~~Con~~ citizens; and ~~if not~~ that the Minister of the Interior ~~be~~ advised to refuse to accept their oath of allegiance, if offered. Approved -

His Majesty notified the Cabinet of his approaching departure and appointed H. H. Mr. Kekuanaoa to preside over Cabinet and Privy Council during his absence -

The Minister of the Interior brought forward the question of the Steam Navigation, Debt July 1. 63 $ 838

Credit	4. 445
Bills receivable	2. 391

Credit and debit balance nearly

Mr Wyllie recommends a sale at Auction.

Resolved: That the Minister of the Interior be advised to ~~arrange with~~ Messrs Jarrion, Green & Co to advertise for sale at Auction the Steamer Kilauea with all her appurtenances and Charter at an upset price and under such condition of sale as the Minister of the Interior may deem proper -

The Minister of the Interior, with His Majesty's approval, requested the Minister of Finance to act as Minister of the Interior.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani House
Monday, July 10th at 11 A.M.
Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding
Hon. Wm. L. Lee
C. C. Harris
C. C. Harris

Mr. Harris stated that he had received through Mr. Wyllie an answer from the Minister Resident of U.S. relating in regard to the Mormons, that their religious belief did not affect their nationality and that he knew nothing about their being Mormons.

The Ministers recommend the publication in the Gazette of B. Young's letter to His Majesty and His Majesty's reply.

His Majesty suggests besides that to open some communication with Mr. Mr. Bride and Secretary Seward in regard to that question and the way of dealing with it and ascertaining their views on the same.

The two letters are handed to the Secretary to have the reply copied by His Mr. Secretary and sent and then the two letters ordered for publication.

Mr. Bride to be appointed Judge on Kauai and Maiapakai for Kohala in place of Wight

1865.

Cabinet Council at Tolami Palace

Tuesday, October 17th

Present

H. M. The King - presiding

Mr. M. F. W. Hutchison

C. de Varigny.

On the question of the protest of the Chilean Consul, the Act. Min. of For. Aff. is instructed to reply and give the reasons of the Govt for not entertaining the protest.

Question of a Portuguese Consul as per letter of Mr Whittall, Mr Desmoyers agreable to His Majesty

Replies to Emperor Maximilian and the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Adjourned at 1 P.M.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace

Tuesday, November 14. at 12. Noon

Present:

His Majesty The King- presiding-

Hon. Mr. F. W. Hutchison

C. de Varigny

C. C. Harris "

Mr. de Varigny submitted the last dispatches received from Sir J. Bowring and and extract of the communication from Prince de la Tour d'Auvergne on the subject of the General Political Treaty- 2°. dispatches from the same and Mr. Martin relating to the Nadal case, 3°. Mr. Desmoyers dispatch and enclosures about the matter of J. M. Fabria and Maui.

Resolved That Mr. Desmoyers be replied to and his attention called upon the fact that the Executive could not diplomatically entertain a complaint based upon a question pending before the Tribunals of the country until the different degrees of jurisdiction be exhausted.

In the case of the marriage, in so far as natives are concerned the Hawaiian Govt. alone is judge of the case which will be thoroughly investigated- in so far as Fabria is concerned the case is pending before the Court

1865

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Wednesday 15th at 12 Noon
Present:
His Majesty the King presiding
Hon. C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny.

Appln from Greenwell for land in Kona, postponed till report from Land Commissioners. Dec 1

Appln from Makua for lands on Lanai, for all g.t lands there at $0.25 ct and acre a year. Rejected

Appln from Walker for extension of lease of land on Kona Hawaii, for 10 years, instead of 5. same decision as in Greenwell's case.

4 Appln from Tucker for g.t land in Hilo Rejected

Appln from Walker for lease of lands in Hamakua. Rejected

Appln from Sawyer for land in Koolau. poko. The Minister to visit the land

Appln from D. Montgomery for land in Kona. former decision maintained.

Appln from several natives for 50. acres of land each to cultivate. 75 ct and acre. Approved.

Appln from Peters for land to cut timber from. Not found in g.t lands, to lease by the Attorney as much as cut.

Neville's stone at Kawaiaa, to be moved on the land claimed by the King. for 5. years @ $30. a year.

Appln from Simmonds for 50 acres land Hamakua, to be sold at $5. an acre.

Appln from J. O. Dominis for land in Hamakua postponed for information.

Appln from F. Spencer for land in Kohala Rejected.

Appln from Reed and Richardson for purchase of land on Hawaii now leased by them. Rejected.

Appln from a native for land on Hawaii 25. acres to purchase at $0 50¢ granted on condition he cultivates it.

Adjourned at ½ past 2. P. M.

Resolved: That the Secretary
of Foreign Affairs be
instructed to reply to the letter
of Mr. W. Pearson of the
6th of June last, giving him
the reasons of His Majesty's
Government for declining his proposi-
tion.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Tokomi Palace

Wednesday, Nov. 22. at 11. A. M.

Present:

His Majesty the King - presiding

Mr. Mr. F. D. Fitzherbert

C. de Varigny

C. C. Harris.

His Majesty introduced the dispatch of the French Commissioner, referring to questions left unsettled between him and the late Minister of Foreign Affairs.

On the question of language agreed to refer to the dispatch of Mr. Pitt's of the 22nd June. On the question of duties resolved to adhere to the text of the French Treaty, in regard to whale ships apply that wines and spirits are everywhere subject to peculiar restrictions and are so treated even in the French Treaty and a modification of Sect 369. would be no benefit whatever to French produce

Question of Nadal Estate. Mr de Varigny's views on the material and moral questions, suggests applying upon the last point. Resolved to hand over the documents to Mr Harris for him to consider, as his opinion is not yet formed and there is a difference of views as to facts connected with said question.

Appointment of Ch. L. Parker vice Conrad in Victoria

Question of Hawaiian destitute seaman brought back here from Ascension Island, the Privy Council to be consulted.

Adjourned at 1 P.M. till to-morrow 12. Noon

1865.

Cabinet Council at Solani Palace
Thursday, Nov. 23. at 12. Noon
Present.

His Majesty the King, presiding
Hon. Mr. C. H. Allen
F. W. Hutchison
C. C. Harris
C. de Varigny

The question of Mr. Dessoyer's dispatches in regard to the Nadal question was submitted to the Cabinet. The Chief Justice disclaimed strongly that any suspicion did ever attach to the character of Bishop Maigret, which was never or ever be entertained

Mr. C. Varigny submitted the draft of his reply to Mr. Dessoyer's letter of the 22 of February last, approved.

Mr. de Varigny to draw the draft of the reply on the Nadal case.

Case between Pflueger & Haw. Govt. to be submitted to Supr. Court on Statement.

1865.

Cabinet Council at Laken Palace
Monday, December 4th at 12. Noon.
Present:
His Majesty the King
Mess.rs F. V. Hutchison
L. de Vergny
C. C. Harris.

Mr. de V. submitted the draft of his reply to Mr. Desmoyers in regard to the Nadal case. Agreed to embody both in one and send the correspondence

Mr. de V. submitted the translation of Mr. Desmoyers' dispatch of the 18th of July 1865. relating to the question of the language. (Reply of Mr. D. de l'Huys to Sir J. Bowring referring to the text of the Treaty) Explain the last sentence of Legislature it has not the meaning he supposes, for him to ask this G.t what the meaning of the law is and not to suppose it. No promise have been made to teach the French language but to respect art. 3rd of Treaty, no objections to its being taught.

Submitted Mr. Martin's letter of 7th 8th Resolved: let him ascertain what the French Gov.t would accept him in a higher rank.

~~Mr. A. Belmont 2 Sec. appd.~~

Mr. Martin's dispatch of 15th ult. Note to Sir J. B. to read his functions, to Mr. M. that he is not more in political Treaty the only agent - French Commissioner not Minister Resident

1866.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Saturday February 3rd 1866.

Present.

His Majesty the King - presiding
Hon. L. H. Allen
Messrs C. de Varigny
F. W. Hutchison
C. C. Harris

Question of the California Steam Nav. Co. establishing a line of steamers between San Fco & Honolulu.

Mr de V. stated his views in preference to the contract of the Pacific Steam Nav Co.

Hon. L. H. Allen supported same views and stated his what he knew of the Bill passed in Congress.

Agreed to do nothing to give a pretext to the Pacific St. Nav Co. to withdraw from their contract

Mr Harris to confer with Mr Moor, to advise him and see what could be agreed upon towards helping under Colonel Wodehouse's negotiation.

1866.

Cabinet Council at Iolani Palace
Thursday, February 8th at 11. A. M.

Present

His Majesty the King - presiding
M. M. C. de Varigny
C. C. Harris
F. W. Hutchison

His Majesty stated that the first question he wanted the Cabinet to take in consideration was the proposition to be made - Law of 1862 - Insufficient supply of water - the filling up of such part of the Esplanade as may be granted to be superintended by an Agent of the Government to ascertain that it will be done in as substantial a manner as the former work

Question of importing capital. Discussion on this point. The Minister of finance to submit a report on the question as well as upon a Government Bank.

His Majesty mentioned his intention of visiting Molokai and expressed his wish that the Ministers should prepare their several appropriation bills, together with the laws and measures they would suggest.

Clause of the $ 200. for whalers - to be announced.

Funds for the Queen. The Minister of Fin. to arrange with Gov. Dominis -